THE WEATHER

Fair tonight, Tuesday fair and somewhat colder; light westerly winds. Minimum temperature tonight 26 to 30 degrees.

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REV. FR. McDERMOD

Of St. Peter's, Popular Priest, Preached Farewell Sermon

Rev. Hugh McDermod, for the past seven years a curate at St. Peter's church, severed his connection with the parish yesterday to take up a broader field at the Gate of Heaven church in South Boston, and by his departure St. Peter's church suffers a distinct loss, for Fr. McDermod during his mission in Lowell had impressed his personality for great good in the parish and while his change means an advancement for him personally, he will be greatly and genuinely missed by the people among whom he labored for the past seven years.

Fr. McDermod was a man of rare attainments, physically and intellectually, as well as spiritually. In his college days he was a noted athlete, and he had grown into a physical manhood such as is much admired among men. With a physical bearing that was in itself impressive, he possessed all the attributes of mind and soul that go to make the successful worker in the missionary field. He was eloquent and logical in the pulpit, kind and sympathetic among God's poor, and a careful and instructive confessor. It is said that during his curacy at St. Peter's Fr. McDermod was much sought after by persons seeking instruction in the Catholic faith and that he had instructed many converts to the faith.

STRUCK THEATRE

Car Left Rails in Shattuck Street

Grand Trunk car No. 6550 gave Hathaway's theatre a solar plexus this forenoon that rattled its slats just a little bit and adorned it with an ugly hole.

The thing happened about 10 o'clock. Cars were being shifted on the track in the alley beside the theatre and while the shifting engine was sending the car in question across Shattuck street the car left the rails on the crossing and smashed into the corner of the building, dislodging a few hundred bricks and cracking the wall on the inside.

The theatre is being prettily decorated for the Christmas season and a couple of fellows who were busily engaged in putting the finishing touches on the decorations thought that an earthquake had struck town. They were high up on the building and the building shook visibly when the car struck.

Those whose names appear on the bill this week were rehearsing when the crash came and they thought an explosion had occurred. The car struck the corner farthest from Market street and directly beside the door leading to Manager Shannon's office. No estimate of the loss was made today.

Fortunately, the accident did not result in injury to anybody and the damage to the theatre was not very great. Traffic in Shattuck street was blocked for the greater part of the forenoon because of the derailment of the car.

One corner of the car was badly damaged as a result of the collision.

LARGER REVENUE

COMES AS A RESULT OF INHERITANCE LAW

Assessments amounting to $1,428,100 were levied by the assessors last Saturday. These assessments are on newly discovered and omitted property and comes under the inheritance tax act of 1907. It will benefit Lowell to the extent of $29,123.24. These are the actual figures as given out by the assessors this forenoon.

The inheritance tax act makes it possible for the state tax commissioner to pry into the affairs of estates all over the state, which means the bringing to light of property that has not heretofore been taxed.

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SKETCH OF THE RAID AND ARRESTS AT THE COCKING MAIN AT LAKEVIEW YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

THIRTY NINE FINED

Fifteen Dollars Each for Attending Cocking Main

Three Fined $25 Additional for Having Birds in Their Possession — Alleged Promoter Fined $100

State Officer C. E. Byrne, who has charge of Middlesex county for the state police, was just about to seek his couch late Saturday night when he received a telephone message from headquarters telling him to go to Lowell on an early train and there in company with others engineer a raid on a bunch of dead game sports who were to pull off one of the most important cocking mains ever held in this vicinity.

That Officer Byrne is an expert engineer in such matters was evidenced by the fact that he executed the most successful and most complete raid ever held in the Lowell district, securing 41 sports and 13 birds, for one bird got away but the "Little Humming Bird," considered the best 5-8 bird in America and valued at $500, was among the unlucky 13. Out of the entire crowd only three escaped and one of these was "pinched" in Lowell later.

Their names? The Sun would print the names but for the fact that many of the arrested ones gave fictitious names, using names of some of Lowell's prominent business men, and one sport had the audacity to give the name of a Sun reporter who was peacefully slumbering when the exciting scenes were taking place and hence little could be gained by publishing them while some innocent parties might be unjustly annoyed.

The cocking main was to have taken place about 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the old Mercier skating rink near the entrance of Willow Dale and on the car line, being located next to Nolin's Lakeside hotel. A more conspicuous place for such an affair could not have been selected and as one sport remarked: "It's a wonder they didn't hire Associate hall and advertise it in the papers." On Saturday night it was quite generally known in certain quarters that there was to be something doing in Dracut and when yesterday morning the sports began to assemble in Merrimack square about 8 o'clock a wise one could easily "smell a rat."

In addition to the Lowell sports, there were sports present from Nashua, Woburn, Winchester and Lynn. A car containing 40 Nashua sports arrived just after the police got there and the Nashua men returned to the upriver city without stopping to see the fun. Had the police waited half an hour they would have captured nearer 200 than 41 and among them would have taken a number of well known Lowell men.

But Officer Byrne accompanied by State Officers Keating, Hardiman, Eustace and Flynn arrived on the 9 o'clock train out of Boston where they were joined on the train by Deputy Sheriffs Stiles and Eveleth, Agent Richardson of the Humane society and Charles A. Merrill. It is understood that the arresting party was tipped off by a well known Dracut constable, but the man in question was not in the raid. The raiders, instead of leaving the train at Lowell, proceeded to the Tyngs Island station, where they alighted and proceeded across the bridge to the island. Here they found awaiting them a double sleigh and an automobile and in these they proceeded to Willow Dale.

In the Skating Rink

Meanwhile a pit had been erected in the rink and chairs set around it in readiness for the fun. There were seven cocks representing Nashua and seven representing Woburn, and there was money galore to bet. It was a motley gathering that assembled around the pit. Old "Nigger Tom," a veteran colored sport from Lynn, entertained his friends with stories of old-time mains in the good old days when the authorities were not so fussy and Woburn's "Old Scott," who has passed the prescribed three score years and ten, told the young fellows that the only real cock fights were held in the old country when he was a boy. The hour had arrived and one bird was already in the pit with his handler spurs in hand about to "heel" him. The handler of the rival bird had come from an adjoining room with his feathered gladiator ready for the fray, and all was expectancy and suppressed excitement when suddenly at the windows and door below was heard a mighty crash, followed by a general breaking of glass.

There was no mistaking the terrible sounds.

"The house is pinched," was heard in a hoarse voice.

"So are we," remarked a cool one.

Then the sports heard footsteps and in a moment saw Deputy Sheriff Stiles holding them up at the point of a huge revolver. State Officer Byrne addressed the crowd and informed them that they were all under arrest and that it would be useless for them to attempt to escape. All but a few were too down-hearted to think of trying to escape. One young man, however, let himself out of a second story window and when an officer threatened to shoot him, cried: "Go ahead and shoot," and dropped to the ground, disappearing into the woods nearby. Another man dived through a window, taking screen and all and he made away in an auto, but was afterward arrested in the police station where he had gone to bail a friend. In the excitement the man who had gone after the other bird kept going, as it were, for he never came back and neither did the bird and the police and the crowd are both wondering how he did it. Another amusing escape took place shortly afterward. When the crowd had been rounded up, one of the arresting party telephoned the police station for officers and a supply of handcuffs while the Boston & Northern was requested to send a special car to Willow Dale at once.

The arrested men were then placed in a side room and the door closed on them.

One Grand Escape

One of the bunch who disliked the idea of riding into Lowell like a young murderer, on a glorious Sabbath morning, began looking around for an opportunity to take French leave. He noticed that the door opened inwardly and he bethought him of one grand idea. He immediately stationed himself against the wall near the door and said nothing. Finally when the officers were ready to transport their "catch" the door was opened with the wise one behind. As the door went back so did the young man until he was up against the wall behind the door. The officer could see everyone else in the room but the man behind and he said: "Come on boys, walk out."

All walked out meekly except the man behind and when the officer saw the room empty he pulled the door to and upon closing it, locked it with the man behind taking long breaths to make up for the several that he lost while doing the wall paper act behind the door. Then the wise one attempted to make an exit by means of a window, but there was a screen on that window that defied all his efforts and he began to think that he would be obliged to remain in until next summer when the skating rink would reopen when his eye alighted upon a sort of trap door in the floor. The trap opened easily and in a moment the sport found himself under the building crawling along on his hands and knees over cinders, tomato cans, broken bottles and a variety of other things, more or less injurious to the hands. Finding an aperture in the foundation he crawled through and the next car took him to Lowell where he expressed the greatest surprise upon learning that there had been a raid in Dracut.

The Conquered Heroes Arrive

The news of the raid spread like wildfire and by noon Merrimack square was filled with a self constituted reception committee of several hundred friends who appeared to take the affair as a large lark for all were wreathed in smiles, not so much because of the joke on their friends as at

CHARLES E. BYRNES
Member of the State Police

the thought of how narrowly they had escaped a similar fate. To add to the gayety of the occasion the Boston & Northern sent out a yellow car to get the bunch, the first yellow car ever seen on the Lakeview avenue line. "They're in a yellow car" was the glad cry and everyone played the yellow.

About 12.20 a youth with good sight standing in Merrimack Square saw a yellow car turn the corner of Lakeview avenue and Bridge street. "Here they come" he cried gleefully and the cry was taken up by hundreds of voices while a grand rush for Prescott street was made. Hundreds of good people on their way home from church saw the rush and joined in and no hero ever received a more generally attended or more enthusiastic welcome home than did the dead game 41 as they piled off the car at the corner of Market and Central streets. As the crowd recognized friends whom they didn't suspect of being in the affair they set up a glad yell of recognition which was received by the arrested ones with mingled feelings.

Those whom the officers didn't know where handcuffed together and it looked like a scene in "The Galley Slave" to see the bunch proceeding along Market street, and in fact there was so much gun play on the part of some of the officers at the raid that one would think he was at a western old sport."

"Look at the chain gang."

"You'll look fine breaking stones."

"I'll send you your Christmas dinner, old sport."

"Look at the dudes with the fancy cuffs on."

These were only a few of the kind expressions of sympathy that were handed to the bunch as they marched along.

Struck by a Snowslide

As a dramatic climax for the whole affair, just as the prisoners got inside the station and the crowd was still gathered about the door down came a tremendous snowslide from the roof of the building enveloping the entire bunch and breaking a dozen or more hats.

"Who moved that roof" asked one man as he knocked the stoves out of his hat.

"Serves you right for making fun of the misfortune of others," remarked another.

Were Speedily Bailed

It was a regular gala day for the bail commissioners and, like the faithful souls they are, both were Johnnies-on-the-spot. Several well known business men were on hand and the crowd was bailed as soon as it was booked, and none saw the inside of a cell. When the booking took place the crowd started to give everybody's name but their own, and the only man perhaps who gave his own name received an indignant call down for so doing.

Messenger John Pinder took the names, assisted by Keeper James A. McQuade. "What's your name?" asked Mr. Pinder of a man whom none of the police seemed to know.

"James McQuade," promptly replied the man.

"Cut that out!" indignantly exclaimed Keeper McQuade. "You give your right name."

"That's the only name I ever had," responded the defendant with a grin, and the keeper still thinks that the young man was "kidding" him.

Another man who gave a fictitious name was kindly reminded of his right name by Deputy Sheriff Stiles, but most of them got away with "nom-de-pits," as it were, in spite of Mr. Stiles, who of course could hardly be expected to identify all of them.

It was a great raid, and much credit is due to State Officer Byrne, who bossed it, while the man who thought he could run such an event in so conspicuous a manner and get away with it should pay a quiet visit to Dr. Benner.

Thirty-nine Were Fined $15 Each

In court this morning 39 men pleaded guilty to being present where preparations were being made for exhibition of fighting birds and each was fined $15.

Three men who were charged with having birds in their possession with intent to conduct a fight were fined $25 each.

Another man who was charged with unlawfully establishing and promoting an exhibition of fighting of certain birds, was fined $100, appealed and held under $400 bonds for the superior court.

One of the men present entered a plea of not guilty and his case was continued till Jan. 2nd, and two men who had been booked, did not respond when their names were called.

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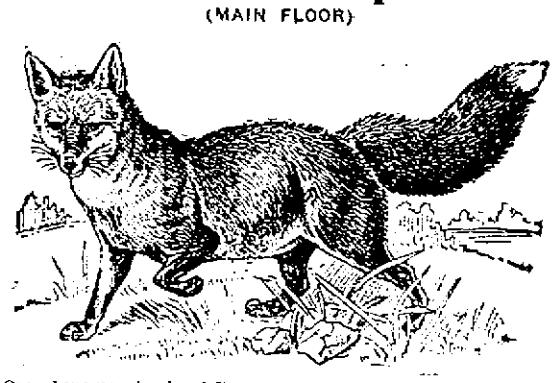

Our phenomenal sale of Furs on Saturday last was a record breaker (to use the store phrase). We expected a big day but were not prepared for anything like the throng that came. Our salesladies were simply overpowered. So great was the throng, Mr. Shanley was forced to telephone to his Manchester Fur House for additional salesladies to come to Lowell at once to assist him.

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XMAS PROGRAMS

Rendered at Several of the Churches Yesterday

Rev. Dr. Spalding at First Baptist—Sermons Appropriate to Christmas Preached in Several Churches — Yesterday's Services

The Christmas season was observed in most of the Protestant churches throughout the city, yesterday. Special sermons were delivered and there was special music. Many of the churches were decorated and the Christmas spirit was in the air.

ELIOT CHURCH

The program for the day at the Eliot Congregational church was as follows:

Christmas Music—Morning

Prelude, "Tellite Hostias," Saint-Saens; anthem, "O Zion That Bringeth Good Tidings," Foote; anthem, "The Chimes of Christmas Morn," Dressler; soprano solo, "O Holy Night," Adams; Miss Green, violin obligato by Mr. Levi; offertory solo, from "Samson and Delilah," Saint-Saens; anthem, "Hark, Hark With Harps of Gold," Marston; postlude, "Grand Choeur," Spence.

Evening

Prelude, "Finale from Sonata in G Minor," Storer; anthem, "The Babe of Bethlehem," Bartlett; offertory solo, selected; Mr. Levi; postlude, "Festival March," Barnes.

Choir—Miss Esther M. Green, soprano; Miss Blanche G. Martin, alto; Mr. Edgar H. Barker, tenor and director; Mr. N. Graham Seddon, bass; Miss Harriette G. Lee, organist; Mr. Alfred S. Levi, violinist.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

The program complete at the First Congregational church was as follows: Singing by congregation, "Joy to the World."
Kindergarten.
Singing by school, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
Recitation by Joseph Pickles and Winthrop Osgood, "Our Christmas Wish."
Singing by school, "Sing, O Sing."
"Wishes," recitation by eight little girls in Miss Saunders' class.
Recitation, "Oh, Bethlehem Town,"
Clarence Bartlett.
Singing by school, "Holy Night."
"If There Were No Christmas," recitation by five little girls in Mrs. Frye's class.
Recitation,
Lewis Grand.
"The Beautiful Story," song by Annie Fletcher, Louise Wayne and Bernice Staples.
"Our Christmas Gifts," recitation by seven little boys.
Recitation.
Mrs. Ball's Class.
"No Room in the Inn."
Laurene Burns.
Singing by school, "Christmas Bells."
"The Name Above Every Name," recitation by Miss Davis' class.
Recitation, "Christmas Bells,"
Gladys Bigelow.
Recitation, "If I Had Lived in Bethlehem,"
George Faulkner.
Singing by six little girls, "Rock the Cradle."
Recitation, "The Wondrous Star,"
Howard Robinson.
Singing by school, "Hail the Gift Most Precious."
Recitation, "Christmas."
John Willmott.
Recitation, "A Norse Lullaby."
Florence Brooks.
Singing, "The Secret of the Stars,"
Georgie and Ella Faulkner.
Recitation, "The First Christmas,"
Carter Hoyt.
Recitation,
Horace Slocum.
Singing by school, "Came the Wise Men."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. C. H. Spalding of Boston preached at the First Baptist church. The music was very beautiful and varied in character. The program was as follows:

Morning

Gloria, from Mozart's 12th mass; soprano solo, selected, Mrs. Pepin; contralto solo, "Bethlehem's Guiding Star," Maryo, Mrs. Hervey; quartet, "Rejoice, the King is Come," Hall, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Hervey, Mr. Wilby, Mr. Heathcote.

Evening

Anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest," Emerson; tenor solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Adams, Mr. Wilby; duet, "The Guiding Star," Bragdon, Mrs. Pepin and Mrs. Hervey; quartet, "There Were Shepherds," Miles, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Hervey, Mr. Wilby, Mr. Heathcote.

Mr. A. P. French, organist; Mr. J. Avison Baker, musical director.

GORHAM STREET METHODIST

Services at the Gorham Street Methodist church were well attended, and lessons were drawn from the spirit of Christmas. The program for the day was as follows:

Morning

Morning—Organ prelude, "With the Shepherds," James; invocation; anthem, "There Were Shepherds Abiding," R. Earle; responsive Psalm 2, hymn, prayer; soprano solo, "Night of Nights," Mrs. J. D. Willman; scripture lesson, announcements, hymn; sermon theme, "The Greatest Gift"; anthem, "The Hallelujah Chorus;" offering, hymn, benediction; postulude, "Gloria."

Evening—Prelude in D, Battmann; a Sunday school Christmas concert; anthems, "Glory to God in the Highest," "Heavenly Father, Sovereign Lord," A. Peirly; solo, selected, by Mrs. J. D. Willman; postlude, Battmann; chorus choir, thirty voices; solo in anthems sustained by Mr. N. W. Matthews, Jr., bass; Mr. Fred Potter, tenor; Miss Alice Stroble, soprano; Mr. Joseph Wilmot, choir master; Mr. J. Edward Leith, organist.

BRANCH STREET CHURCH

The Sunday school concert was the feature of the evening service at the Branch Street Baptist church. The concert was in charge of Miss Eloise Hills and Mrs. Walter Brown. The program follows:
Prayer.
Hymn by congregation, "Joy to the World."
Responsive reading, Sunday school lesson for the day.
Address of Welcome.
Irene Christian.
Anthem.
Choir.
Recitation,
Clyde Campbell.
Song in Finnish by Kustan, Lempi, Larye, Walus, Hugo, and Walter Kelleo.
Recitation, "Little Christmas Stars."
Forrest Stimpson, Irene Hall, Ruth Merrill.
Song, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night."
Primary Department
Recitation, "The Blessed Time,"
Gladys Green.
Walter Kelleo
Recitation, "On His Majesty's Service."
Earl Stephenson, George Spence, Ray Page, Henry Berg.
Solo,
Helen Stephens.
Recitation,
Lempi Kelleo.
Recitation, "At Christmas Time."
Phyllis Brown, Beryl Taylor, Stella Flynn, George Youngman, Annabel Gordon.
Recitation,
Lora Davis.
Carol by chorus of girls.
Helen Stephens, Mildred McGregor, Phyllis Brown, Beryl Taylor, Mary Rogers, Freda Rogers, Lora Davies, Lempi Kelleo, Etta Clement.
Anthem by choir.
Recitation,
Irene Davis.
Trio.
Blanche Smith, Beatrice Smith, Mary Gordon.
Recitation,
Ruth Foss.
Solo,
Helen McGregor.
Recitation,
Bertha Green.
Recitation, "Christmas Pennies,"
Harold Stephens, Willie Berg, Ray Page, Albert Pearsall.
Offering.
Talk by pastor.
Doxology.
Benediction.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST

There was sweet Christmas music at the First Universalist church, and the church was prettily decorated. The voluntary was from the "Messiah," "Unto Us a Child is Born," and Maker's anthem, "Arise and Shine," with a tenor solo by Osmond Long followed. Mrs. Annie H. Johnson, soprano, sang Spence's "Rejoice This Blessed Morn" and Vanderwater's "Night of Nights." The postlude was the "Gloria" from Mozart's 12th mass.

HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL

At the Highland Congregational church, Rev. A. Frederic Dinnels gave a short Christmas sermon, and there was special music by the quartet of the church composed of Miss Nettie M. Studley, soprano; Miss Alice E. Leith, contralto; F. A. R. Mixon, tenor and Charles H. Howard, bass. The organist and director was Miss Clara H. Fenton. At the services Edward W. Daly, violinist, assisted.

PAWTUCKET CHURCH

Services appropriate to the season were held at the Pawtucket Congregational church yesterday, the sermon being delivered by Rev. F. G. Alger, pastor of the church. The interior of the church was prettily decorated. In the evening the cantata, "The Manger Throne," by Manney was given by the choir under the direction of Mr. S. R. Fleet. Miss Florence Milner, Mr. Fred Lelacheur, Mr. W. C. Hamblet, Miss Cora M. Bartlett and Mrs. A. T. Howe sustained the various solos most acceptably, and in the quartet Mrs. O. R. Park, Miss Bartlett, Mr. E. S. Howe and Mr. W. T. S. Bartlett did effective work.

AT GRACE CHURCH

At the Grace Universalist church yesterday and excellent musical program was carried out. The regular quartet of the church, consisting of Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Burns, Mr. Wibberly and Mr. Burns, sang, among other numbers Gounod's anthem, "Nazareth" and Morrison's anthem, "There Were Shepherds." Raff's cavatina was played at the offertry by Hans Von Gruben Borjes. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Greene, D. D., preached a Christmas sermon.

CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS

Special services were held yesterday at the First Unitarian church. The interior of the church was very prettily decorated for the occasion. There was special music with Christmas anthems rendered by the choir and Rev. C. T. Billings preached on "A Lesson from the Magi."

At noon there was a special Christmas service for the Sunday school. This was held in the auditorium, the children marching in, singing, from their Sunday school room. The exercises consisted of singing and responsive reading, with speaking by the various classes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The Sunday school concert which was arranged for last evening, at the Highland M. E. church was postponed on account of the sudden death of Miss Ruth Lucille Wilder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilder. Miss Wilder was to have taken part in the concert. The concert will be given next Sunday

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DOCTORS PROBE

Nashua Health Board Severely Criticized

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 21.—A committee of three prominent physicians has been appointed from the medical association to investigate the methods of the board of health, regarding which many serious allegations have been made, both by physicians and laymen.

These physicians will prepare a report, which will be submitted to the city councils, showing the exact date of affairs and recommending radical changes, including the creating of the office of health inspector.

During the past few months there have been many cases of diphtheria and other contagious diseases, and it is alleged that the board of health has been decidedly lax in quarantining these places and fumigating them. Even Mayor Sheld has taken a hand in the matter and personally supplied anti-toxin where members of the health board failed.

The city physician has taken the matter up with the mayor, and reports one instance where fumigation did not follow a death for several days. Not only are the physicians aroused over the matter, but private citizens have become incensed.

Dr. J. A. Lagace, in his own defence, claims that the complaints from physicians against him are merely discrimination. He is not a member of the medical association, and alleges that it is on that account that the complaints are made against the board. He also claims that the salary and appropriation of the board are too small to carry on the work.

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STAR POLO PLAYER

FRED JEAN LANDS WHALERS IN FIRST PLACE

Fred Jean, former captain and centre of the Lowell polo team, and considered the king of polo players, is now captaining the New Bedford team, which holds first position in the National Roller Polo league. The New Bedford team was formerly located in New Britain, but a month ago was transferred to the whaling city. At that time the team occupied an unenviable position at the bottom of the standing, but within a month Jean has brought it up to first place.

The New Bedford Times has the following to say about Fred Jean and "Pop" Holderness, formerly of the Lowell team, who is also playing with New Bedford:

"Taking the New Britain polo team when it was a tailender and in less than a month bringing it to the top notch position in the National Polo league is the feat accomplished by Fred Jean, the king of the polo game, and the team that will represent this city will probably play its first game here with a firm hand on the first position.

"Jean is the captain. Acknowledged to be the greatest polo player that ever lived by the majority of the players and critics, he is a drawing card unequalled in the winter sport, and in himself a whole team as soon as the bell rings, starting the contest.

"Jean plays centre on the team that is now representing this city. His shots for the cage, from all angles, either backhand or sideways, are hard and accurate, and he is the terror of all the goal tends. Fast on his feet he is able to skate with the best of players and his immense size gives him a great advantage over small opponents.

"Holderness is one of the steadiest halfbacks in the game. He can block off speedy rushers who are carrying the ball and can get around in the rear of his cage and send the rubber spinning up the floor for one of the offensive players to carry on as well as any man in the league. He is not a brilliant player, but his steady work does much towards bringing victory to the Champs."

BOSTON MEN

ADDRESSED THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Trades & Labor council was held yesteday at headquarters in Middle street. President Convery was in the chair and when the meeting was called to order there was a large attendance of members.

The regular business was suspended in order that the members might listenten to representatives of the Banking and Annuity Insurance league, Messrs. Jones and Sawyer of Boston.

They explained the object of the law as passed by the last legislature and the benefit to the workers of such insurance. The council afterward returned to the regular order of business and a report from various committees showed conditions in good shape for the incoming year. Next regular meeting will be Jan. 3, and election of officers will take place for the ensuing term. The anti-vaccination bill to the legislature was endorsed by this body.

IS IMPROVING

DOCTORS SAY MRS. BEAULIEU MAY RECOVER

Mrs. Romelia Beaulieu, who was shot by her husband at the home of her father in Ford street, a few weeks ago, is showing signs of improvement. There is every indication now that the woman will live provided that she remains at the hospital long enough to receive proper care.

LOOK OUT FOR THAT COLD

Laxative Cold Tablets

Have Saved Many From Pneumonia

For sale only at

GOODALE'S DRUG STORE.

LOST AN EYE

CURLEY WAS INJURED AT OAKLANDS SEWER

Thomas Curley, of 146 South street, who was injured by the explosion of a dynamite cap, while at work at the Oaklands sewer a couple of weeks ago, has been discharged from St. John's hospital. He has lost the sight of his left eye.

BILLERICA

There is an epidemic of diphtheria in Billerica, but the members of the board of health believe that the limit has been reached and from now on the number of cases will lessen. Several cases were reported during the past week, though the patients had the disease in a light form.

The majority of the cases that have been reported were among the school children. In order to guard against the spread of the disease among the pupils, the board of health has fumigated the Pollard school in Billerica Centre and the Talbot school in the north village.

Mrs. Ann Baker, a well known resident of Billerica, celebrated the 75th anniversary of her birth Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur S. Cook. During the day relatives and friends of Mrs. Baker called to offer congratulations as well as to leave slight tokens of friendship. All of Mrs. Baker's children and grandchildren were present to offer their congratulations and well wishes. Among those in attendance was her son, Dr. F. H. Baker of Worcester, who is medical examiner of that city.

HOPPE TO PLAY SUTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Willie Hoppe, the billiardist, has announced that he had deposited with John Kelley of this city $1000 as a forfeit or side bet for a billiard match with George Sutton. Hoppe said he would play Sutton 1500 points, 18 inch balkline, one shot in or 3000 points, 18 inch balkline, two shots in. He offered to toss a coin for the choice of the cushion on which to play the game.

SUGGESTIONS For Useful Christmas Gifts. Also for Your Own Use.

Gifts for Men and Young Men

Umbrellas	48c to $3.48	Bath Robes	$3.48 to $4.98
Initial Handkerchiefs	10c to 48c	Dress Shirts	48c to $1.98
Cuff Links in box	25c to 98c	Coat Sweaters	45c to $4.98
Pin and Cuff Links	25c to 98c	Neckwear	10c to 98c
Sleeve Garters	25c to 98c	Silk Mufflers	48c to $1.98
Kid Gloves	98c to $3.48	Pajamas	98c to $1.98
Wool Gloves	25c to 48c	Fancy Hose	10c to 75c
Underwear	48c to $4.98	Suspenders	15c to 98c
Union Suits	98c to $1.98		

Trousers	99c to $3.98	Hats	98c to $1.98
Suits	$5.95 to $19.95	Caps	19c to $3.48
Overcoats	$5.95 to $19.95	Slippers	98c to $1.98
Fancy Vests	98c to $3.98	Shoes	98c to $3.98

The Store For a Big Dollar's Worth

King's CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS & SHOES

Gifts For Boys

Rubbers and Arctics	59c to $1.98	Underwear	21c to 48c
Overcoats	$1.24 to $4.98	Hose	10c to 24c
Suits	$1.24 to $5.98	Neckwear	10c to 48c
Reefers	$1.48 to $4.98		
Caps	10c to 45c		
Shoes	98c to $2.48		
Sweaters	45c to $1.48		
Gloves	19c to 98c		
Handkerchiefs	3c to 25c		

Dozens of other useful and appropriate gifts can be found at this store. When you come out we invite you to look at what we have. You will find our prices will save you some money.

31 TO 41 MERRIMACK STREET

FR. McDERMOD

Remembered by the Burkes

Before a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Burke Temperance Institute, Sunday afternoon Rev. Hugh M. McDermod, spiritual director of the society, delivered his farewell address.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Frank A. Groves, who reviewed Fr. McDermod's work as spiritual director, and said that while the members deeply regretted his loss, still they were very much pleased to learn that he had been advanced by being called to the Gate of Heaven church in Boston.

Mr. James F. Miskella, on behalf of the members, then presented Fr. McDermod with a silk umbrella as a token of esteem and wished him the very best of success in his work in his new district.

Fr. McDermod, who is known throughout the city as an orator, then made an eloquent address in which he thanked the members for their expression of good will. He also pointed out the evils of intemperance and urged the members to keep up the good work in which they are now engaged. At the close of the address every member present renewed his temperance pledge and Fr. McDermod invoked a blessing on them all. Then the members filed in line and one by one they bade the reverend father farewell. It was truly a sad parting, one that will never be forgotten, for it showed the real true spirit that exists among the members.

CHILD MISSING

Police Search Woods for Little Boy

WALTHAM, Dec. 21.—Fearing that six-year-old George E. Gould has strayed into the woods near his home, police officers and a posse have made a search without obtaining the slightest trace of him.

The little fellow left his grandmother, Mrs. C. G. Gould, who is housekeeper for Osgood Weymouth, at 190 Weston street, Sunday noon to go coasting. He was sliding near the house with some of his playmates.

At dusk, when the little fellow failed to return, his grandmother went looking for him. His playmates had not seen him for some time and had no idea where he had gone. At length his sled was found in the back yard of his house.

With night coming on and every promise of frost, fears were felt that the boy would die if he remained all night. Mr. Osgood collected several neighbors and with lanterns searched the neighborhood. The police joined in the hunt, but no trace of the boy was found.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 8.94; Jan. 8.55; Feb. —; March 8.62; April —; May 8.68; June —; July 8.66; Aug. 8.55 bid; Sept. —; Oct. 8.49; Nov. 8.52.

RULER OF TIBET

Now is Short of Temporal Authority

PEKING, Dec. 21.—The Dalai Lama of Tibet left Peking today for Lhassa, his capital, and his departure marks the beginning of the end of his four years of wandering over northern China. The lama started out shortly after the arrival at Laassa of a British column under the command of Col. Younghusband; he felt that his holy city had been desecrated by the presence of the Englishmen and at the head of a large retinue he started on wanderings that carried him over many thousands of miles of Manchuria and China, always greatly to the annoyance of the Chinese authorities for he was an unwelcome and expensive visitor. He came to Peking last September at the urgent request of the Chinese government which wanted him to return to his capital in order to make possible the carrying out of certain reforms.

The ruler of Tibet returns to Lhassa short of his temporal authority; in the future he will be regarded as a mere ecclesiastic, pledged to support whatever reforms China desires to carry out in his country. He will not be permitted to communicate with the throne except through the Chinese commissioner, the Amban, stationed at Lhassa.

There was a notable absence of ceremony in connection with his going. There were but two small honorary pavilions at the railroad station as compared to the many evidences of the desire of the government to honor him when he came to Peking.

The position of the Dalai Lama has been very much weakened by his coming to Peking where he had been received as a barbarian and humiliated accordingly. His religious practices have been a revelation of the debased nature of the famous "yellow sect" and the practices of the lama and his followers have invited the contempt of both Chinese and foreigners.

ART GOODS

DISPOSITION OF THEM TO BE DECIDED TODAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Disposition of the art goods and tapestry brought by Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne from London to Chicago, which ultimately were designed to decorate the Fenway palace in Boston of Mrs. Jack Gardner, which afterwards were seized by the customs authorities here, will be decided today in the United States district court.

Mrs. Gardner may put up a bond and certified check for the amount in which the wares are held, approximately $83,000, recover her treasures and allow the bond to be forfeited. Otherwise they will be sold at auction by court order.

Protect your property from "Breaking and Entering." Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

SAMOAN CHIEFS

PREPARING TO HOIST AN INDEPENDENT FLAG

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 21.—Certain chiefs of the native tribes in German Samoa are preparing to hoist an independent Samoan flag when the parliament of the islands reassembles and contemplate appealing to the United States and Great Britain to decide whether this action is justified. The chiefs consider that they lost both power and dignity when the old Samoan parliament was dispersed and maintain that when Germany took over the islands she became their protector and nothing more. Violence is not anticipated, but the chiefs will probably offer passive resistence to the German authorities.

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SUYDAM DEAD

HIS ALLEGED ASSAILANT IS ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker who was shot in his Broad street office last Saturday by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, died in the Hudson street hospital today. Lumsden is under arrest. The shooting which was witnessed by hundreds of brokers on the curb market directly in front of Suydam's office is said to have been a.. outgrowth of a dispute over payment for stock in a company which was organized to handle one of Lumsden's inventions.

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HARRY K. THAW

Cannot be Taken to Pittsburg to Testify Says Court

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White and now confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down by the court of appeals in this city. Whether the case will be taken to the United States supreme court is not known here.

The decision affirms the action of Judge Young of the United States court for the western district of Pennsylvania, sitting at Pittsburg, which quashed a writ of habeas corpus compelling Robert B. Lamb, superintendent of the Matteawan asylum, to turn Thaw over to a United States marshal for the prisoner's appearance at Pittsburg. The writ was allowed by Judge Archibald of the United States court for the middle district of Pennsylvania sitting at Scranton who was looking after the business in Judge Young's court while the latter was in Europe last summer.

TOTAL OF COTTON GINNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A total of 11,892,115 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 13, against 9,284,070 at the same date of last year and 27,269 active ginneries against 27,156 in 1907 were announced by the census bureau in its report today. The figures count round bales as half bales and exclude linters. The bales ginned to December 13 aggregated 11,112,789 in 1906 and 9,297,819 in 1905. The total 1907 crop was 11,057,822, of which 84 per cent. was ginned to December 13 crop of 1906, 12,983,201 of which 85.6 ginned to December 13 and crop of 1909 10,495,105 or 88.6 per cent. by December 13.

The report includes 215,029 round bales for 1908; 167,204 for 1907, and 243,096 for 1906. Several island bales included aggregate 89,108.

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We will give for a New Year's present a beautiful large sized picture, framed, of "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" to the person sending the largest number of words made from Maker's Picture Store.

CONDITIONS—The words to be numbered in alphabetical order—neatness and legibility—no proper names or plurals—no word that contains the letters more times than they occur in the three words.

Maker's Picture Store

The second prize is a beautiful hand colored photographs of the surf of Portland, Maine, and is a gift for this contest from Mr. Thompson, of the Thompson Art Co. We are its sole agents in this city for its beautiful photographs. There are also ten other prizes of framed pictures which are on exhibition in one of our windows.

Remember we have the largest store and the largest assortment of framed and unframed pictures and over 700 samples of mouldings and frames to select from. We carry in stock the finest veneers and gold-leaf mouldings and frames down to the cheapest that can be bought, and in pictures we can show you imported photographs, photogravures, plain and hand colored, high grade water colors, carbons, engravings, etchings and lithographs.

Bring your orders for Christmas work as early as possible. A beautiful picture makes a most acceptable gift. We also have some choice vases, fern bowls and candle stick holders in the Arts and Crafts pottery made by the Hampshire Pottery Co. Ask to see it. Mr. Maker is here for the holidays and will be glad to welcome old friends and customers.

The contest will close Dec. 27.

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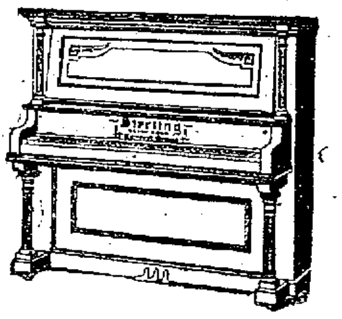

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Silk Hose in black......$1 pair
Lisle Hose in all colors, 50c pair
Fancy Cotton Hose and plain colors .... 25c pair

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All the best kinds for men and boys.
Wool Gloves and Mittens 25c
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MEN'S FANCY ARM BANDS
One pair in a box, new designs and buckles,
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COMBINATION BOXES
Suspenders, Arm Bands ... Garters, in a handsome box
50c and $1...

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS, for Men.
The Best Belfast Linen, in plain and hemstitched.......25c, ...
Lawn Initial Handkerchiefs .... 12...
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Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs 15c, 25c, 50c
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BATH ROBES.
Many patterns to choose from. All new styles, well made, full size in all grades,
$3.50, $5.00, $7.00

MEN'S PAJAMAS.
Madras, cheviot and outing flannel, in a variety of patterns...... $1.00, $1.50, $2.00

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS.
Boys' Fur Band Caps .... $1 to $2
Men's All Fur Caps .... $3.0...
Men's Genuine Seal Caps.................... $5.0...
Ladies' Genuine Seal Caps .... $4...

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WILLIAM DOOLEY

Delivered Address Before the Mathews

The members of the Mathew Temperance Institute and their friends enjoyed a rare treat yesterday afternoon, when they listened to an interesting lecture on "The Advantages of an Industrial School," delivered by Principal William Dooley of the Lawrence Industrial school.

The lecture was held at the Mathews hall in Dutton street, it being the first lecture and entertainment of the season held under the auspices of the entertainment committee.

During the course of his lecture Mr. Dooley spoke of the advantages of the training given a young man by the methods taught in such schools. Having been sent by the government to study the industrial schools of Europe, Mr. Dooley was able to speak interestingly of the different schools in Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Ireland, comparing their schools with those in this country. A musical program followed. The series of last winter proved very successful, and this season's series bids fair to excel it in every respect.

"The burglar helps himself. We help you." Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

MR. EMERSON HOME

Mr. James Emerson, formerly assistent treasurer of the Opera House, now manager of the Bennett-Moulton Stock company, is home for a few days, incident to opening up an engagement in Norwich, Conn., on Christmas day.

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He was fined $25 to be paid in three days or spend the next three months in jail.

Albert Hadley pleaded guilty to complaints charging him with assault and battery on Edith C. Burnham and Madeline Stirk. He was fined $10 on each complaint.

Sunday Drunks

James Glover, James F. McCarthy and Mary Cormier, Sunday drunks, were each assessed $5.

Patrick Murray and George B. Kennedy, second offenders, were each fined $6.

George Stephenson, a third offender, will spend the next four months at the state farm at Bridgewater.

Michael Laroux, a young man with a wife and family dependent upon him, was charged with drunkenness. The court decided that there was a chance for the young man to improve and gave him a suspended sentence of two months in jail and placed him in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

One first offender was fined $2 and eight simple drunks were released without appearing in court.

Do you carry burglar insurance? If not, why not? Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

NAVAL OFFICER

PLANS TO FIGHT FOG BY WIRELESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Lair, a French naval officer, has invented a system of directing vessels into port through a thick fog by means of wireless telegraphy from Herzian stations established at dangerous points along the coast. The inventor is confident of his ability by means of the wireless reports to bring a vessel into the roadstead of Brest through a thick fog from a distance of 25 miles.

If the experiments are successful it is said that the present system of submarine bells could be replaced. The operator would be shut in a basin without any view of the exterior. As soon as the Herzian post came into contact with the apparatus fixed in the cabin, he would be able to issue orders to the helmsman and thus pilot the ship safely through the fog into the harbor.

The authorization of the French government is now awaiting for the erection of a station on the Isle of Ushant to enable the experiments to begin.

We pay for what the thieves take. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

John P. N. Logan, 20, machinist, 61 Claire street, and Lillian R. Wallace, 18, clerk, same address.

Albert A. Greene, 25, conductor street railway, 19 Ash street, and Susan Ross, 27, at home, 44 Hampson street, Dracut, Mass.

Thomas Goudreau, 22, waiter, 36 Race street, and Laurina Lareau, 19, hosiery, same address.

Joseph S. Cusminko, 19, operative, 394 Central street, and Maria Martins, 19, operative, 128 Charles street.

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Young Woman Pleaded Guilty in Court

ARRESTED ON TRAIN LEAVING LOWELL

Stole Dresses From Woman Where She Stopped—Charged Also With Stealing Money—Held For Trial

Lillian Merrill, aged 24 years and an attractive young woman, was arrested by Inspector Walsh on a Boston bound train Saturday night and taken to the police station where she was booked for larceny, complaint having been made that she stole several articles of clothing belonging to Mrs. Emery F. Ruiter who conducts a boarding house at 404 Bridge street.

Miss Merrill was employed as a table girl at Mrs. Ruiter's house and Saturday night soon after the former left the house it was discovered that a suit which had been recently purchased as well as a silk waist and hat were missing. Mrs. Ruiter notified the police and Inspector Walsh was detailed to make a search for the Merrill girl.

Suspecting that the girl might take the first train leaving Lowell, Inspector Walsh went to the Middlesex street station. A train bound for Boston was pulling out just as the inspector arrived at the station but by clever sprinting he managed to catch the last car of the train. A search of the train resulted in the girl being located in one of the cars. The inspector revealed his identity and told the girl to alight at the Bleachery station, which she did. She was then escorted to the police station where she confessed to the theft.

In police court this morning Miss Merrill was charged in the first complaint with the larceny of a coat valued at $15, a skirt valued at $10, a waist valued at $5 and $9.17 in money, the property of Miss Maud Ruiter and in the second complaint with the larceny of $2 in money, the property of Mrs. Emery F. Ruiter.

She pleaded guilty to both complaints and upon request of the government the case was continued till tomorrow morning, bail being placed at $400.

FUNERALS

DELAGE—The funeral of Moise Delage took place yesterday afternoon from his home, 678 Lakeview avenue. The bearers were Philippe Fortier, Alfred Justras, Charles Bedard and Isidore Desjardins. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, with Undertaker Joseph Albert in charge.

COFFIN—The funeral of Edwin A. Coffin took place yesterday noon upon the arrival of the body from Boston. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of the J. B. Currier Co. Rev. Charles T. Billings officiated at the grave.

RYAN—The funeral of Michael Ryan took place yesterday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock from the funeral parlors of John J. O'Connell. Funeral services were held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Burns officiated. The bearers were Thomas O'Connor, Homer Taplin, John Glynn, Patrick Joyce, John Moriarty and Owen Queenan. Burial was in the faemily lot in the Catholic cemetery. John J. O'Connor had charge of the arrangements.

REED—The funeral of Ethel Reed took place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of the parents, 54 Boisvert street. Among the many beautiful floral offerings were: Large pillow inscribed "Our Pet," the family; sprays, Miss Etta Fox, Edward and Margaret Callahan, Miss Susie Keene, Miss Mary McCarthy, Miss Elizabeth Hurley, Miss Mamie Burns, Miss Rosella Conley, James Forsythe and Thomas McDermott; large star on base, inscribed "Ethel." Miss Katherine Dowd. Burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of James W. McKenna.

WILDER—The funeral of Ruth Lucille Wilder, the little daughter of Wesley M. and Bertha Ripley Wilder, who died suddenly of diphtheria Saturday morning, at the age of five years, four months, and 27 days, took place Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of the parents, 6 Coral street. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of William H. Saunders of the Horace Ela Co. Rev. J. P. West, pastor of the Highland M. E. church, officiated.

TYLER—The funeral of Mrs. Delia Tyler took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. Services were held at the chapel at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. John J. McHugh of St. Patrick's church officiating. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery, in charge of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

WILKINS—The funeral of Francis T. Wilkins took place Saturday afternoon. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of George W. Healey. Rev. E. R. Smith of Concord, N. H., formerly pastor of the Pawtucket Congregational church, officiated.

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Struck us like lightning as most good things do, and we consider it a novel and money saving device for you, as well as a business winner for us. Best of all the benefits are mutual and equal to both—our gain will be increased sales and your gain will be PRICE REDUCTIONS on staple Christmas merchandise—useful and practical gifts, made possible only by the volume of our business.

FIRST We want to double our December business over a year ago. It can easily be done, and with your co-operation we are going to do it. That's the confidence we have in you, and our own ability when we set out to do things.

SECOND Our purpose can only be accomplished by uncommon effort. Price Reductions on eight items as specified below will be the chief trading incentive to those who do not know us as regular customers do This, of course, is open to all, but our regular customers come anyway.

THE PLAN To emphasize and impress upon your mind our leadership in the specialties we carry we will, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 16, and ending Thursday, Dec. 24th, both inclusive, eight days in all, commence a December bargain campaign never witnessed nor offered before on the same basis to Christmas shoppers. The number of days as specified above conforms exactly in quantity to the number of departments that make up our specialty lines. They are known to us as Departments

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H,

But they are better known to you as

Gloves, Hosiery, Waists, Veilings, Neckwear, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Corsets and Garters

"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS"

The first four days' success of our Christmas Eight Day Bargain Event far exceeded our wildest dreams, and we desire to thank all who so loyally responded to the December profit-sharing plan—all our own and strictly original with us.

THE GOAL is only half reached, but the plan already is a demonstrated success. Those who participated in last week's values know what to expect Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21, 22, 23 and 24. There will be no disappointments, such as "all sold out"; we will stand by our agreement and fill every order, big or little, at the prices advertised regardless of profit or loss.

CUT THIS OUT—"LEST YOU FORGET"

Dept. "E" or Neckwear, Monday, Dec. 21st

Two items in this department is your good fortune Monday. Item No. 1—Crepe de Chine Silk Scarfs, plain colors and fancy combinations, all with hemstitched ends and are the best dollar value in the market.

Item No. 2—Chiffon, lace trimmed Jabots with stocks in white and colors. Regular price one dollar, but Monday's special price for both items is just half regular value .... 50c Each
In Fancy Christmas Boxes

Dept. "F" or Belts, Tuesday, Dec. 22nd

What is more appropriate than Belts for a practical and useful gift, especially at a saving of 25 cents on dollar goods. You may choose from our entire line of dollar Belts Tuesday, Dec. 22d, at only.............. 75c Each
In Fancy Christmas Boxes

Dept. "G" or Handkerchiefs, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd

Daintiest of all are those beautiful twenty-five cent cross-bar embroidered linen, hemstitched, dimity effect Handkerchiefs, also embroidered all over, hemstitched linens, including all our beautifully designed Shamrock Lawns in cross-barred, embroidered, hemstitched, 25c qualities. For daintiness and value they cannot be beaten at the full regular price of 25c, but you may choose in the fulfillment of our agreement (Wednesday, Dec. 23d only) instead of $1.50, at .... $1.00 Per Box of Six
In Fancy Christmas Boxes

Single Handkerchiefs or quantities less than six, full regular price of 25c will be charged.

Dept. "H" or Corsets and Garters, Thursday, Dec. 24th

Corsets are not generally in demand for Holiday Gifts, so all our forceful values for this department will be concentrated on the Garter question. Our entire line of Garters will be offered Thursday, Dec. 24th, only, at.............. 75c Pair
In Fancy Christmas Boxes

REMEMBER We are specialists, and as such we would fail in our mission if our stock did not comprise the kinds you cannot find elsewhere.

ABOVE ALL—Remember that Quality and Reliability is the mightiest factor contributing to our success, and that Honesty of Purpose is the bed rock foundation of this business.

Gloves—Kid For Men, Women, Boys, Girls and Infants. $1 to $6 Pair

Stockings All sizes; all kinds; all colors. 25c up to $2.50

Waists New styles; new materials; new low prices. 95c up to $15

Veils and Veilings Everything new; everything dainty; everything reliable. 25c to $2.95

Neckwear Every possible design, color combination or self; also Theatre Silk Scarfs, rich, beautiful patterns. 25c to $4.00

Belts Everybody who's seen our stock frankly admits their superiority over all others. They range from 25c up to $2.50
See those $1.00 Belts for 50c.

Garters Beautiful plain colors and color combinations or floral designs—something good, appreciative and acceptable as a gift. 25c, 50c, 75c, $1 and up

Handkerchiefs Try our stock if looking for the dainty kinds—compare prices with others, then you can better decide. Linens, Lawns, Shamrock Lawns—every possible pattern that should appeal to good taste.

Men's Linen Initial or Plain Hemstitched	12½c, 25c
Women's Plain or Initial Hemstitched, Pure Linen	12½c, 25c
Children's Handkerchiefs, in pretty boxes	15c, 25c
Embroidered Lawns and Linens	12½c, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00

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Our Store Is Filled to Overflowing With

THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Suitable for men, women and children of all ages. Gifts priced to suit all purses, too. Make out a list of persons to whom you wish to give, and come down and look us over. You will not be long in finding

"Just the Very Thing"

Prices to Please You Too

SHOP AS EARLY IN THE DAY AS YOU CAN

And You Will Find It More Comfortable For All Concerned

We Have Scores of Extra Salespeople

And Extra Delivery Teams also, but we must ask you to favor us all you can by taking small parcels with you. Don't forget the Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Neckwear, Hosiery, Books, Shirt Waists, Furs, Bath Robes, Kimonas, Aprons, Toilet Articles, Jewelry, Slippers, Ruchings, Perfumes, Umbrellas, Pipes, Leather Goods, China and Toys.

LARGE and MECHANICAL TOYS are on 2nd floor, and SMALL TOYS and DOLLS are in Basement.

Santa Claus Receptions are Over

For this year. He is now very busy getting his packs ready for the night before Christmas. He asked us to thank all of the children for the grand reception given him. He talked with thousands.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Everybody is invited to attend the Christmas sale of oriental goods at Ellingwood's drug store, where can be seen thousands of useful and ornamental articles, such as Mosaic pins, cuff links, stick pins, brooches and beauty pins and almost an endless number of other articles of jewelry. Remember that you can save from twenty-five to fifty per cent. on all goods you buy here. Call today and select from our extensive stock, for if you wait too long you won't have such a variety of goods to select from.

A. J. HOUSTON
Ellingwood's Drug Store

WASHING, IRONING or CLEANING wanted by the day or hour. Inquire 31 Paige st.

GOLD WATCH WITH FOB lost between Runels bldg. and Putnam's cafe. Monogram G. L. R. Finder notify Box 51, Chelmsford Mass. Reward.

SOME NICE HAND PAINTED MIRRORS for sale, priced from $10 to $40, at John McMenamin's, 212 Merrimack street.

POCKETBOOK found containing money. Owner can have by proving property and paying for this ad. at Miley Kelman's, 214 Merrimack st.

GIRL WANTED to do general housework. Apply 111 Westford st.

NOT WHOLLY ORNAMENTAL

The beautiful baskets and boxes of candy that we offer as suitable for Christmas gifts have their uses when empty. Most of the baskets are lined with quilted satin and so arranged that they make handy work baskets. The boxes are made of durable material, and serve as handkerchief, glove, jewel and knick-knack receptacles. They are packed with absolutely fresh goods, they having been shipped to us on the 10th of this month, some of them later. Only well known standard brands of candy are used. Boxes from 25c to $5. Baskets from 75c to $8.50. Howard, the druggist, 197 Central street.

MISSIONARIES FROM TEXAS

Rev. Frs. Bugnard and Plat, O. M. I., missionaries from Texas, are the guests at St. Joseph's rectory for a few days. They are on their way home from France, their native land, where they were visiting their families. Rev. Fr. Bugnard is stationed at Brownsville and Rev. Fr. Plat at San Antonio.

We pay for what the thieves take. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

HOME FROM COLLEGE

Messrs. Patrick J. Reynolds, Cornelius O'Neil, Leo Molloy, Joseph Fyne, Leo King, Roderic Quirbach, Joseph O'Connell and Thomas R. Ginty of Holy Cross college, Worcester, are home for the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE

The Emmett Club will elect officers on Wednseday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock.

CREW RESCUED

Men of M. B. Stetson Reached Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Without money and suffering from the effects of their experience on the wrecked vessel, five members of the crew of the Bucksport schooner M. B. Stetson reached Boston yesterday on the steamer Boston from Yarmouth. The men are Juan Miguel, August dos Rios, Antonio Andre, Manuel Maxra and Francisco Pereira. Their vessel was left dismasted and waterlogged off the Newfoundland coast and the rescue of the man was the result of the Gloucester schooner Patrician being driven far out of her course.

The Stetson was hemmed in the ice fields off the Newfoundland coast and the men suffered from cold and exposure while fighting to keep their vessel afloat.

They were in despair when the Gloucester schooner Patrician, Capt. Wesley Farmer, hove in sight. The Stetson was then drifting helplessly, with the flag at half-mast. The Patrician was well up on the west coast of Newfoundland and was running on dead reckoning. She had lost her log off Cape Ray, and as a fearful gale was blowing and the vessel was on a rugged coast, Capt. Farmer determined to stand well by what he believed was the bay of islands. It was because the Patrician happened to be so far out of her course that the lives of those on the Stetson were saved.

See our contract covering loss from burglary or theft. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

BY CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF ARCHDIOCESE

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The executive committee of the five county branches of the American federation of Catholic societies met in the conference room of the cathedral of the Holy Cross yesterday afternoon and formally launched the archdiocesan body of that society. A constitution, which in many respects embodies the more important articles of the constitution of the national society, was ratified.

Rev. Dr. P. J. Supple, the Suffolk county spiritual director, as well as clergymen from other counties, was present at the meeting, which was attended by about 50 members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Henry Wessling of Boston pres.; Tim. W. H. Haley of Cambridge, James J. Lemmon of Lynn, Miss Ella L. Donovan of Abington, James J. Burke of Quincy and Thomas McLaughlin of this city, vice presidents; Chas. D. Daly of Medford, secretary; Edwin Mulready of Rockland, treasurer; Miss Katherine A. O'K. O'Mahoney of Lawrence, librarian; Patrick Ford of Lawrence, marshal; John Driscoll of Lynn, James H. Carney of this city, Miss Mary L. Logue of Woburn, John McGrath of Sharon and Miss Mary A. Spence of Rockland, auditors.

The constitution provides for semi-annual conventions and the five counties are entitled to 17 delegates, which include the county president, two vice presidents, two secretaries and 12 members-at-large. An ecclesiastical committee of five members, of which Archbishop O'Connell is a member, is also provided.

Nearly a dozen committees which are to carry on the work of the society were named.

CARDINAL LECOT

THE ARCHBISHOP OF BORDEAUX IS DEAD

CHAMBERY, France, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Victor Lucian Sulpice Lecot, archbishop of Bordeaux, died at a hotel here yesterday from hemorrhages of the brain, while returning from a visit to Rome. Cardinal Lecot was the leader of the movement among a group of French ecclesiastics to find a basis of settlement in the difference which has arisen between the government and the church. He was the exponent of liberalism in the college of cardinals and went to Rome to submit to the pope a plan for the amelioration of the material condition of the French clergy.

Cardinal Lecot was born at Montescourt on Jan. 8, 1831. He was appointed bishop of Dijon in 1886 and archbishop of Bordeaux in 1890. He was created and proclaimed cardinal on Jan. 16, 1893. Cardinal Lecot was one of the most prominent figures in the crisis attending the question of the separation of the church and state in France.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

MAN WAS RUSHING TO SAVE DOG

WALTHAM, Dec. 21.—Rushing in front of an express train to save the life of his dog, Wm. C. Downing of this city was struck by an eastbound train near the Linden street bridge early yesterday and died of his injuries later in the Waltham hospital.

For many years Mr. Downing had been chief engineer at the cotton mills of the Boston Manufacturing Co. in this city. He was 41 years old and leaves a widow.

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Buildings at St. Albans Gutted

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 21.—This city experienced its 2d disastrous Sunday fire in less than 13 years yesterday morning, when a loss of $75,000 was incurred. The St. Albans Messenger company's plant was totally destroyed each time. Their loss today was $45,000, fully covered by insurance.

At a meeting of the directors of the Messenger company yesterday it was decided to rebuild at once, and an effort will be made to have the plant in operation in 90 days. The Daily Messenger will be issued meantime from the office of the Burlington Free Press.

The cause of the fire yesterday is unknown, but defective insulation on electric wires is blamed. It was discovered at 5.30 in the morning by Col. C. S. Forbes, who had offices in the building and stopped there to wait for an early train.

DAY NURSERY

TO BE BUILT IN MEMORY OF BISHOP STANG

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—The receipt of a check for $1000 from H. C. D. Borden of New York, owner of the Fall River Iron Works mills, to be used towards the construction of the Bishop Stang Day Nursery, was announced at St. Mary's cathedral yesterday by Rev. James E. Cassidy. The proposal to build the nursery in memory of Bishop William Stang was made public only a week ago, and Father Cassidy said that the check from Mr. Borden was the first gift received. He also received a check for $500 from a Boston man whose name is withheld.

WEBBER DEAD

A FORMER CAPTAIN IN BOSTON FIRE DEPT.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Ex-Capt. Chas. H. Webber of the Boston fire department, died suddenly at his home, 387 Dudley street, Roxbury, last evening. Death is supposed to have been due to heart trouble.

Ex-Capt. Webber had been apparently in good health and yesterday spent the day as usual. During the afternoon he called at engine company 12 on Dudley street, a short distance from his home. He had finished his supper and had gone into the bathroom of his home when he was taken suddenly ill and died.

FIVE KILLED

IN 12 DAY HUNTING SEASON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—Five killed and a dozen more seriously wounded is the toll of New Hampshire's hunting season which closed last week. The 12 days of the deer hunting in the seven southern counties—the attorney general ruling the law was not "off" on the 1st and 15th of December, as the word "inclusive" was omitted—and one closed Sunday intervening, were reported as decidedly successful, more hunters being in the field and more deer being bagged than in 1907, when the law was taken off for the first time in many years.

Protect your property from "Breaking and Entering." Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

BIG FIRE

THE DAMAGE IS PLACED AT $25,000

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Nine automobiles were destroyed by a fire which started shortly after 8 yesterday morning in the garage of Harry Gavel, 1944 and 1947 Beacon street, Brighton district, and spread to the adjoining stores of H. A. Peters, a shoemaker; Hunter's market, Grace Bros., upholsterers, and Arthur C. Morey, druggist. The total damage is estimated at $25,000.

FELL OVERBOARD

CLERGYMAN DROWNED FROM THE STEAMER ARABIC

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 21.—When the steamer Arabic arrived here yesterday from New York, the officers reported that one of the passengers, who was registered under the name of Father Kelley of Paterson, N. J., was drowned during the voyage. He fell overboard at 3 o'clock Thursday morning.

MAN HANGED

HE KILLED WIFE AND GRANDDAUGHTER

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Dec. 21.—John Zet, who killed his wife and five-year-old granddaughter, Viola Klotzer, at their home in Rockville, Aug. 4th, was hanged at the state prison here early yesterday morning. Angered at his wife's refusal to give him money, he crushed her skull and that of his granddaughter with a hammer and also cut the latter's throat.

MAN WAS DROWNED

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—The body of Louis Roy, a quarryman, 59 years old, was found in Watuppa pond yesterday afternoon. Death was evidently due to drowning, but there was a bruise over the right eye which has led the police to make a further investigation before deciding whether or not it was a case of suicide. Roy's watch and money were found in his clothing. He had been missing since Friday night.

105 YEARS OLD

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 21.—William Ives, 105 years old, died at his home in Fredonia yesterday after a brief illness. He was born in Greenwich, England, and came to the United States when a young man. He voted in sixteen presidential elections. He was a vegetarian and never required the services of a doctor until within the last few months. He retained full possession of all his faculties to the end.

EX-CONGRESSMAN LOUD DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Ex-Congressman Eugene F. Loud died Saturday night here at the home of his son-in-law, Capt. J. J. Callundine. For several months past he had been in poor health. His condition was aggravated by the death of his daughter five months ago, and the loss of his wife, who died Dec. 6. Mr. Loud served 12 years in congress from the 5th district.

Lowell, Monday, December 21, 1908.

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We've one of the largest Umbrella Stocks in New England. Better make that doubtful gift an Umbrella. Any price up to $15. Great values at $1.00 and $1.50.

WEST SECTION CENTRE AISLE

Drink at the Innovation. Everything served here is made here—another of our guarantees as to purity. Try our Hot Chocolate.

This Week We'll Be in More or Less of a Hurry

TAKE OUR ADVICE AND GET YOUR HURRY OVER WITH. COME DOWN TODAY OR TOMORROW, HAVE YOUR LISTS WITH YOU, AND IT WILL BE EASY TO COMPLETE THE PRESENT-BUYING RIGHT HERE. THIS IS THE GRANDEST CHRISTMAS WE HAVE EVER KNOWN. DON'T FORGET ANYONE THIS YEAR. EVEN IF THE REMEMBRANCE IS SMALL, IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.

Saturday's business was one of the largest in our history, and only a stock as complete as ours could have withstood the tremendous inroads that were made by the gift-buyers who crowded the store all day. We'll be all fixed up again for you today. Open Evenings Until Christmas.

GIFTS OF BOOKS

THE BOOK STORE is the mecca of all book lovers in this vicinity, and every mail brings us orders from "out-of-towners." We can serve you with all the newest fiction. Children's Books by the hundreds, and THESE exquisitely illustrated Gift Books.

Cape Cod $2.00
The Henry Hutt Picture Book, (boxed) $3.00
Bachelor Belles, by Harrison Fisher (boxed).....$3.00
The Book of Sweethearts.....$2.00
London, Historic and Social, 2 vols. (boxed) $3.75
America's Insular Possessions, 2 vols. (boxed).....$3.75
Washington, The City and the Seat of Government.....$2.50
The Philippines Under Spanish and American Rule.....$2.50
The Countess Diane..... 90c
The Christy Girls..... 89c
The River Niagara, profusely illustrated $3.50
Old Paths and Legends of New England Border, by Katherine M. Abbott $3.50
Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Musicians..... ....$2.50
Little Journeys to the Homes of English Authors.....$2.50
Little Journeys to the Homes of Eminent Artists $2.50
The Boys of the Old Glee Club, by James W. Riley.....$1.08
James Whitcomb Riley in Prose and Pictures 75c
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.... 98c
Reveries of a Bachelor..... 98c
Longfellow's Hanging of the Crane $1.50

PALMER STREET —CENTRE AISLE

FANCY STATIONERY

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Children's Boxes, with satin or linen-finished paper, with fancy figures to please the children, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 29c

Over 100 different styles, shapes and sizes of Highly Decorated One-quire Boxes, containing letter or note-size linen paper, 25c, 39c, 50c, 79c

Pure White Hemstitched Linen Paper, with the long narrow envelopes to match..... 65c

We also have an unusually attractive line of Two-quire Cabinet and Flat Boxes, containing two sizes of linen paper, letter and note, two packages envelopes to match, neatly tied with colored ribbon 58c, 89c, $1.00

Three-quire Cabinet or Flat Boxes, decorated with the Iris, Apple Blossoms, Violet and Holly patterns, containing the best of linen paper.....$1.25 and $1.39

Hand-painted Boxes, containing from two to five quires of the finest of linen paper $1.25, $2.00, $3.00, $3.50

Fountain Pens—As fine an assortment as it is possible to obtain. Prices.....$1.00, $1.50, $2.00

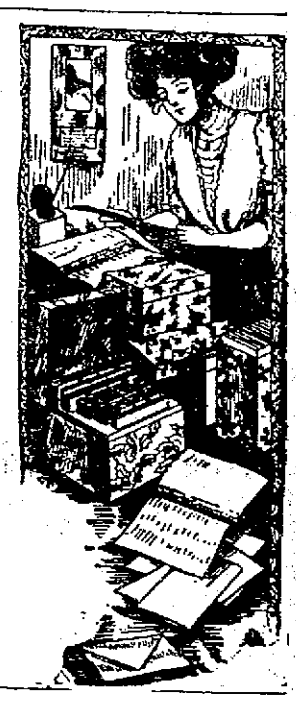
Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, for ladies and gentlemen. Prices $2.50 and $3.00

Playing Cards—Gold-edged Congress Playing Cards, with fancy backs, best of cards..... 42c

Full Line of Dennison's Seals, Tags, Envelopes and Coin-Holders.

Dennison's Sealing Wax Sets, with the finest perfumed sealing wax, 25c, 50c

Initial Seals for Wax Sets, 10c Each



EAST SECTION—NORTH AISLE

Infants AND Children

The Little Tots must not be forgotten. Here are wearables and remembrances that they'll be told about in years to come. Many a Santa Claus can choose here.

White Lawn Dresses.....50c to $6.00
Sweaters, 75c, 98c, $1.25, $1.49, $1.98
Toques .....25c and 50c
Hand-knit Leggings $1.25
Machine-knit Leggings..... 50c
Angora Bonnets.....$1.49 and $1.98
Silk Mittens 75c
Tam O'Shanters 75c
Angora Mittens $1.00
Silk Hose 50c
Cashmere Hose 25c
Hand-painted Coat Hangers, 50c, $1.25
Hand-painted Armlets..... 50c
Hand-painted Record Books, 50c, $2.98
Hand-painted Rattles..... 50c
Hand-painted Pin Holders....50c, 98c
Hand-painted Toilet Sets..75c, $2.00

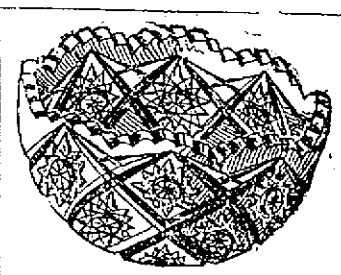
ON THE BRIDGE

Muslin Underwear

FROM HER TO HER

Pretty Lace Corset Covers for.....25c
Fancy Lace Covers, in new styles and new patterns of lace, some styles very fancy, in pretty boxes, 50c, 62c, 79c, $1.00 to $2.98
Gowns—High V in hamburg trimming, chemise gown trimmed with lace and hamburg, 79c, $1, $1.50, $1.98 to $10
Lace Skirt, made with 11 rows of Val. insertion and edge, flounce finished with hamburg heading and ribbon, regular $2.98 .....$1.98
Large Assortment of Skirts in hamburg trimmed, from.....79c to $10
Sets of Underwear....$3.98 to $16.50
Hand-embroidered Chemise, 79c to $3.50
Hamburg and Lace Trimmed Chemise, 79c, $1, $1.50, $1.98 to $4.98
Pretty Line of Combination Drawers and Cover, Skirt and Cover, for $1.00 to $2.98
Flannelette Embroidered Skirt, 79c to $1.00
Flannelette Gowns, in plain and fancy style .....60c to $1.25

WEST SECTION—SECOND FLOOR



CUT GLASS

Cut Glass Bon Bons, $1.25, $1.50, $1.69, $1.75, $1.98, $2.25 and $2.75
Cut Glass Bowls or Berry Dishes, $3.60, $3.75, $5.00, $5.98, $6.50, $7.50 and $10.50.
Cut Glass Comports, $2.75, $3.50, $3.98, $4.50, $5.98, $7.50.
Cut Glass Celery Trays, $3.50, $3.75, $3.98
Cut Glass Caborets.....$7.98
Cut Glass Decanters, $3.98, $6.25, $7.50
Cut Glass Knife Rests, pair $2.75 and $3.25
Cut Glass Mayonnaise Dish and Tray, $3.98, $5.50 and $6.50
Cut Glass Nappies, $4.98, $6.50, $7.50
Cut Glass Peppers and Salts, each 38c, 50c, 75c
Cut Glass Pitchers or Jugs, $1.69, $1.75, $2.50, $4.50, $5, $5.98, $6.98, $8.50, $8.98, $10.98, $11.98
Cut Glass Oil or Vinegar Bottles, $2.25, $2.50, $2.98 $3.25, $3.75
Cut Glass Spoon Trays...$2.25, $2.75
Cut Glass Sugars and Creams, set $3.50, $3.75, $4.50, $4.75, $6.00
Cut Glass Vases, $2.25, $2.75, $2.98, $3.75, $3.98, $4.50, $4.98, to $11.98 and $13.50
Cut Glass Whiskey Set.....$10.50

Gifts of Beautiful

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SUSPENDERS and ARM BANDS—Men's Elastic Web Suspenders, put up in fancy boxes 50c

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JAMES E. O'DONNELL, Notary Public.

This is by far the largest net average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

ASSESSMENT AND TAX DODGING.

The meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors, held recently in Boston, favored a change in the law by which the assessment of property would date from April 1 instead of May 1. They think this would prevent tax dodging to some extent, as there would not be so many ready to leave the state on that date as on May 1. The fact that other neighboring states date their assessment on April first would prevent the tax dodgers from escaping assessment altogether moving into one of these states.

The proposition is worth considering, but what is still more important is to assess those who remain fairly, to skip nobody and no piece of property.

A sentiment was voiced in favor of having the principal assessor appointed by the tax commissioners in order to remove him from local influences. We do not believe such a proposition should be considered. The mayor of the city should have the appointment and he should also have the power of removal at pleasure. That is the only way in which the people can be guaranteed an honest administration of the department.

SENATOR KNOX FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Senator Knox, who has been selected by President-elect Taft for secretary of state, will never set things on fire.

Mr. Taft says the place calls for a man who will go slow. If that's the kind of man he wants, Knox will fill the bill to perfection. As attorney general he started proceedings against certain trusts and at the rate of progress made by him it would require a generation or more to bring the principal trusts to trial.

If the nation is insulted while Knox is secretary of state, it will be a couple of months before he has decided what he should do. He will then, in all probability, decide that it is too late to do anything. There will be no vigorous foreign policy and as well expect the blast of Gabriel's horn as any message like that sent out by Secretary Olney during the Cleveland administration.

The appointment of Knox is intended, no doubt, as a measure of pacification to the nations and the interests that have been menaced with the big stick as wielded by President Roosevelt during the last four years.

Between the Roosevelt policy and that which will be favored by Knox, however, there is a via media which would be more pleasing to the American people than either. The contrast between Mr. Knox and some of his immediate predecessors will be the most striking thing about his tenure of the office.

BANK DIRECTORS WRECK A BANK.

Another bank failure, another cashier smashes a bank, another set of directors has failed to direct, nay, failed to see the ruin of the bank gradually worked out before their eyes. By their neglect they are responsible for the fall of the cashier and the robbery of the bank.

Cashier Varney of the Somersworth, N. H., bank is charged with defrauding the bank of an amount not yet decided but roughly set at $85,000. That will undoubtedly put the bank out of business unless it be rehabilitated by other capitalists.

What is the cause of this defalcation? Speculation on the part of the cashier we are told. Varney received $2500 a year, out of which he had to pay two assistants. That left him a very small income with the result that he resorted to speculation to increase his earnings. He had been playing the stock market for years, and yet it never occurred to the directors that anything was wrong.

Bank directors all over the country raised a great howl when Comptroller Murray of the currency issued a set of questions to be answered by directors. They became quite indignant that such silly questions should be put to them. The Somersworth, N. H., directors, no doubt, shared this indignation, as the comptroller, who, it was alleged, was a tyro, did not know anything about the banking business nor much of anything else. But the Somersworth bank is wrecked because the directors failed to comply with one of the plainest and simplest of the safety suggestions made by Comptroller Murray.

The directors failed to acquaint themselves with the habits of their cashier, or if they did not they deliberately ignored the fact that he played the stock market for years.

That alone was enough to indicate a grave danger, for when a bank official in charge of depositors' money starts to speculate he will use the money at his command. If he wins, the profits are his; if he loses the bank loses.

Cashier Varney lost heavily and his losses fell upon the bank. He must have been losing for a considerable time past, but yet the directors knew nothing of the fact. They were apparently asleep. What can be done to force bank directors to do their duty? Simply put them under bonds to do their duty, to look after the interests of the bank with the understanding that if any loss comes through their neglect they will be held responsible. If the money of the bank belonged to them they would not think Comptroller Murray's questions so silly; they would not impute ignorance of the business. On the contrary they would say that he showed good judgment in setting forth so many conditions necessary to perfect security.

Will other bank directors take a lesson from this defalcation? Some will but the majority will go on just as usual entrusting everything to the employes of the bank, putting implicit confidence in men who are daily handling large sums of money and who are poorly paid. This is always a temptation that the bank directors should not wholly overlook.

SEEN AND HEARD

One advantage about the safety razor is that a man's wife can't conveniently use it for opening sardines.

If the young man in love is going to write some original valentine verses to send to the Only Girl, it is about time for him to begin.

The old familiar saying that two can live as cheaply as one has caused a great deal of trouble in this world.

Modern science has concluded that the whale which swallowed Jonah must have had a very inefficient digestive apparatus.

There is an old theory that no man can do anything of real consequence in this world without making enemies. Is it justified?

It is always unwise to speculate, even if you have an opportunity to do it on borrowed money.

A good many more people might order Camembert cheese at fashionable restaurants if they only knew how to pronounce it.

Speaking of carrying messages to Garcia, anybody who had to carry all the president's messages to Garcia would have to keep hustling all the time.

The average girl is a good deal more interested in a new way of doing the hair than she is in the question of woman suffrage.

When a man is thoroughly convinced that he is more than ordinarily good looking, he is seldom good for much of anything, from that time on.

Here's a toast to the lovers: Two souls with but a single thought, and that not interesting to anybody else.

"Caution is the eldest child of wisdom."

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Rear Admiral Evans has taken warning from the case of Admiral Dewey, and will not allow the people of Los Angeles to give him a home, or anything else. The directors of the Los Angeles Harbor company have elected him chairman of their board, which place he will take after his lecture tour.

Rev. Harold Arrowsmith, rector of Trinity church in Lenox since 1898, and one of the best known clergymen of the Episcopal church in New England, has resigned because of his health. His successor has not been selected. Trinity church is the wealthiest parish in western Massachusetts, and among its communicants are well known New York, Newport and Boston families. When the diocese of western Massachusetts was formed Rev. Mr. Arrowsmith's name was prominently mentioned in the selection of a bishop. He has been an examining chaplain of the diocese for several years.

King Menelik of Abyssinia is reported to be anxiously awaiting a visit from President Roosevelt when the latter goes to Africa on his hunting trip. The king is an admirer of the president, with whose career he is vaguely familiar, but he has no idea of what popular government means. It is strange to him that a man who has an army at command should, as he thinks it, voluntarily retire from an exalted and powerful position.

The materials of Crosby hall, that ancient building whose demolition roused so many Londoners to wrath, have been accepted by the London county council and are to be re-erected in their former order. The site provided, the garden of Sir Thomas Moore, the author of "Utopia," is rated an admirable one. There is a project to use the hall as the nucleus of a great residential college for post-graduate students.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has resigned as president of the American Forestry association, to take effect immediately. He will be succeeded by W. S. Harvey of Philadelphia and New York.

J. T. Trowbridge has gone to Europe. It is his intention to spend the winter in southern Italy and Sicily. This is Mr. Trowbridge's third visit to Europe. He wrote "Neighbor Jackwood" in Paris in the summer and fall of 1855. In 1888 he took his family abroad and spent three years on the continent. Mr. Trowbridge at 81 shows few traces of the infirmities of age, and has a new book in press, entitled "A Pair of Madcaps."

It has been proposed that the four hundredth anniversary of Calvin's birth, which is to be celebrated by Presbyterians next year, be observed by founding a training school for ministers in France, the land of Calvin's birth.

The work of the late Rev. E. Blakeslee, founder of the Blakeslee lesson system, will be carried on as heretofore, with Rev. Dr. Frank K. Sanders as consulting editor and Mr. Franklin P. Shumway of Boston as president of the Bible Study Publishing company.

See our contract covering loss from burglary or theft. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A tournament to revive the world's professional championship at the 18 inch balkline game of billiards will be held in this city beginning March 22 next. Entries will be limited to six and the prize money, a purse of $3000, the entrance fees and the net gate receipts will be divided among the four leaders on the basis of 50 per cent to the winner, 25 per cent. to the second man, 15 per cent to the third, and 10 per cent to the fourth. The games will consist of 400 or more points, subject to the playing rules at present governing the game.

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Rabbits killed today	2 for 25c
Vermont Turkeys	20c lb.
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Vermont Ducks	15c lb.
Large Fowl (hens)	15c lb.
Roosters	13c lb.
Baldwin Apples	25c a pk.

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This is good weather to have our metallic weather strips put on your windows. They are out-of-sight when affixed and will keep out cold wind and storm.
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That Men Will Gladly Wear.
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Of extra length and generous fullness, handsomely finished; new designs on various colored grounds—from
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MEN'S SUIT CASES
Made from genuine sole leather, with reinforced corners, saddler stitched, steel frames, linen lined, with extra shirt pockets,
$5.00 to $8.00

TRAVELING BAGS
Of genuine calfskin, hand sewed, leather lined, with inside pocket, fine brass lock, hand made handle; bags for which you are usually asked to pay $8 and $10—special for $5.00
Fine Bags, Oxford and English Kit Bags, of calfskin or pigskin, plain or fitted ..... $8.00 to $20.00

MEN'S NECKWEAR
That is unapproached in richness and beauty. The finest display we have ever made and the whole collection practically new. French and American silks in exclusive designs, and in the newest colorings.
Large Squares, Ascots and Flowing End Four-in-Hands, $1.00 to $3.00
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All Neckwear is neatly boxed.

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Just such oddities as a man enjoys wearing. Designs that you will not find elsewhere.
Solid Gold Scarf Pins, set with Amethysts, Olivine, Tourmalines, Tiger's Eyes, Cat's Eyes, etc. ..... $3.00 to $5.00
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Novelties in Sleeve Links and Matched Sets of links and pin, from ..... 75c to $3.00
Matched Sets, studs and sleeve links, to wear with evening dress, of pearl and other correct materials.

THINGS THAT THE BOY WILL APPRECIATE
We have marked down to the lowest figure many lots of Boys' Overcoats and Suits. Your Christmas money will go farther here than in any store in Lowell.
Fine Overcoats for boys 9 years to 16, including Rogers, Peet's, were $12.00, now $8.00
All Wool Overcoats for boys 8 years to 16—handsome garments, were $7.00, now $5.00
Long Overcoats for boys 8 years to 16, sold up to $5.00, now $3.75
Long Overcoats for boys 8 years to 16, were $3.50, now $2.00
Pretty Russian Overcoats to fit boys 3 years to 6, in a wide variety of new effects ..... $2.00 up to $6.00
Rogers-Peet's Fine Suits for boys 9 years to 16, were $10 and $12, now marked $7.50
Suits For Boys, 8 years to 16—all lots that sold for $7 and $8, now $5.00
150 Suits For Boys, 8 years to 16—sold up to $5.00, all now marked $3.50

EVERYTHING HERE THAT THE BOY WEARS.
Hats, Caps, Shoes, Neckwear, Underwear, Fancy Shirts, Sweaters, Gloves.
Storm Boots from ..... $2.00—Overshoes from $1.25

ONE MAN SHOT

Two Others Wounded During a Fight

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 21.—Edward Stevens, one of a crowd of five, was shot during a fracas at the Saratoga house in Dartmouth early yesterday morning, and Babe Green, proprietor of the place, was badly cut about the head. George Stevens, who Green says is responsible for the trouble, was also battered about the head. Green did the shooting, and when brought to the police station said that it was in self-defence.

At the Emergency hospital, after the wounded man had been operated upon to get the bullet, it was said that his chances of recovery were about even.

The trouble started Saturday evening, when George Stevens called at the Saratoga house for his wife. Green told him she had gone and allowed Stevens to search the house. Stevens became abusive and Green put him out. Later Stevens returned with his gang and proceeded to clean out the place. It was then that the shooting occurred.

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A GAMING RAID

28 Captured and Six Made Their Escape

WALTHAM, Dec. 21.—Six Waltham young men made sensational escapes from the police in a gaming raid made by the latter at the rooms of the Central club in the Waverly block on Main street, near Spring, early this morning.

Leaping out of three story windows and across a five foot alleyway, then jumping to the ground, they eluded capture in a remarkable manner.

In jumping, one of the young men broke one of his legs, but with rare pluck he dragged himself to a place of safety, while 28 of his companions, all well known in this city, were scooped into the net of the police.

A SUICIDE

WOMAN DIED AS RESULT OF TAKING POISON

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Mary E. Richards, 30 years old, wife of George E. Richards of 66 Bowdoin street, West End, died at the Relief hospital late yesterday afternoon from poison which the police say she took in a room at 4 Pinckney street. The woman was brought to the hospital in a taxicab. A dispute with her husband is said to have been the cause of her act.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

IN BURIED CITY

"American Pompeii" is Laid Bare

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

Under a special congressional appropriation the work of excavating a pre-historic buried city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ari., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes.

Already a number of structures have been discovered, but the largest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long, with 11 rooms, the walls inclosing a plaza. In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated, and it is stated that their permanent preservation is of geat archeological importance.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
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BODY EXHUMED

District Attorney Investigating Death of Somerville Girl

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The chemists at the Harvard medical school today received for examination the digestive organs of Catherine Kelleher, the young daughter of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, who died last September under circumstances that indicated ptomaine poisoning. The girl's mother is now held at the Middlesex county jail at East Cambridge on a charge of arson. Because there were six deaths in the Kelleher family within two years and Mrs. Kelleher received some $3500 in insurance money the authorities decided that an investigation of the deaths in the family should be made. The child's body was exhumed in the Arlington cemetery today and after the digestive organs had been removed the remains were reinterred.

The parts to be examined were given to Doctors William Sway and M. F. Durrell who delivered them to the chemists at the Harvard Medical school.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Henry Lyman of Brookline and Miss Elizabeth Cabot were united in marriage Saturday at the home of the bride's mother in Commonwealth avenue, Boston. Miss Cabot is the daughter of Mrs. Samuel Cabot, who was Miss Helen Nichols of this city, and Mr. Lyman is the son of Mr. Theodore Lyman of Brookline. Both are favorably known in this city. Mr. Theodore Lyman, a brother, was best man. The ushers were Charles S. Sargent, Jr., and Mr. C. Handasyde Whitney of Milton, the latter a classmate of Mr. Lyman, Harvard, '01. The bride's gown was of white chiffon velvet and Venetian lace, rich and becoming. Dr. Arthur T. Cabot gave her away. There was a small reception at 12.30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman's home will be 199 Marlboro street, Boston.

VAN DER HOEVEN—SMOOT

Miss Margaret Smoot, who in the past has been a resident of this city, was married at Manchester, Mass., on Tuesday at the Charles Head villa, to Mr. Jan Van Der Hoeven of Rotterdam, Holland. The Rev. Mr. Geoghegan, formerly of the Baltimore Unitarian church, now of New Bedford, the bride's stepfather, performed the ceremony. The only attendant was Miss Sadie Smoot, the younger sister. The bride wore an empire gown of white satin with yoke and sleeves of lace. After the breakfast the young people left in a limousine for Boston. From there they went on to Woodstock, Vt., where the short honeymoon will be spent, for they are sailing the first of January for Rotterdam, the bridegroom's home.

Do you carry burglar insurance? If not, why not? Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

WILBUR WRIGHT

Makes Great Flights in His Aeroplane

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Wilbur Wright, the Ohio aviator, continues to make record flights in France. There seems to be no limit to the possibilities of his wonderful flying machine. Recently he remained in the air nearly two hours, reached an altitude of 300 feet and covered a distance of 70 miles. Besides the $100,000 offered by the French government for the most successful aeroplane, Wright is reasonably assured of the Michelin cup and several other prizes for heavier than air machines.

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KING EDWARD

ALMOST ENTIRELY RECOVERED FROM HIS ILLNESS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—King Edward has almost entirely recovered from his recent indisposition. His majesty returns from Brighton today to sign the propagation speech and will go to Sandringham castle for Christmas.

DRACUT GRANGE

The Dracut grange will have its installation of officers on the first Monday in January not tonight as reported.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Christmas day will be observed with a Christmas dinner, tree, Santa Claus, and gifts for all.

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COAT SWEATERS

Make excellent gifts. If you haven't quite decided just what to give some man, let us suggest a coat sweater, we know he will appreciate it—they all do. Let us show you some of our numbers. They are made of the best material and are shaped in such a manner that they will not stretch and lose their shape as is the case with cheaper ones..... $3.50, $4, $4.50, $5, $6

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BOXING GOSSIP

The bouts this week are:

MONDAY.

Al Delmont vs. Monk the Newsboy, Lymansville, R. I.

Sam Langford vs. Jim Flynn, and Jimmy Walsh vs. Monte Attell, San Francisco.

Harry Decker vs. Phil McGovern, Tamaqua, Pa.

Fred Corbett vs. Joe Sieger, Philadelphia.

TUESDAY

Tommy Murphy vs. Charley Griffin, Bill McKinnon vs. L. Cenly, and Young Alger vs. Young Miers, Armory A. A.

Frank Klauss vs. Paul Moore, Pittsburg.

Battling Hurley vs. Young Nitchie, Philadelphia.

THURSDAY

Jimmy McKenzie vs. Harry Lowell, Detroit.

T. Carey vs. Harry Stone, Harrisburg.

Broadway A. C., Philadelphia.

FRIDAY

Terry Martin vs. Eddie Chambers, Baltimore.

Jim Bonner vs. Dick Nelson, Lawrence.

Abe Attell vs. Biz Mackey, New Orleans.

Dave Deshler vs. Young Donahue, New Orleans.

Jimmy Hanlon vs. Tommy Bergin, Portland, Me.

Tommy Sullivan vs. Harry Mansfield, Mickey Gannon vs. unknown, and three other inter-city bouts, National A. C., Philadelphia.

Harry Baker vs. Young Nitchie, Nonpariel A. C., Philadelphia.

SATURDAY

Tommy Burns vs. Jack Johnston, Sydney N. S. W.

Eddie Curtis vs. H. McCann, Lancaster, Pa.

Wayne A. C. and Frankford A. C., Philadelphia.

Rouse O'Brien is seeking matches in New York.

Peter Maher once more announces that he bars nobody.

Billy Rolfe will meet Wright of Lawrence at Salem tonight.

A return match between Henry Hall and Cleve Hawkins is being talked of.

Eddie Smith will referee the Flynn-Langford contest at San Francisco tonight.

Willie Riley and Eddie Murphy, the South Boston boys, are training for bouts at Albany.

Terry Martin and Eddie Chambers have agreed to box 15 rounds at Baltimore Christmas day.

Phil Brock, the Cleveland lightweight, has gone to Havana, where he expects to pick some easy change.

Peter Sullivan of Fall River is mentioned as the next opponent of Cyclone Thompson at Pocatello, Idaho, Jan. 16.

It is unofficially announced that Matty Baldwin and Jim Driscoll are matched to box at the Armory A. A. Dec. 29.

A syndicate has offered $5000 for a fight in Wales between Freddie Welsh and the winner of the Britt-Summers fight.

Martin Flaherty, the former Lowell featherweight, is now ready to match his middleweight, Bob Smith, against Bill McKinnon.

Jimmy Bonner will meet Dick Nelson at Lawrence Christmas. Nelson was to have met Deshler, but on account of the latter boxing Donohue at New Orleans Saturday night it was felt that the long return trip would leave the Cambridge boy in poor shape for such a tough fellow as Nelson.

DIAMOND NOTES

Harry McCormick is playing basketball at Harrisburg, Pa.

Minneapolis has sold the release of Catcher Buelow to the Montreal club.

Pitcher Pat Connolly, with Lawrence part of the season, will be with Lynn next spring.

Pete Noonan has been traded by St. Paul for Third Baseman Egan of the San Francisco club.

Hugh Jennings is a banker as well as a lawyer. He is a director in the Old Forge bank in a suburb of Scranton, Pa.

Joe Kelly has put his case in the hands of an attorney and President Dovey must do all future business with Kelly's lawyer.

Rucker and Wilhelm, the pitchers who did such good work for the Superbas last season, have signed contracts to play baseball in Brooklyn again next year.

Clark Griffith has joined the list of managers anxious to get John Hummel of the Brooklyns. Perhaps a four-cornered deal will result, as "Griff" intimates a big trade is on.

Willie Keeler picks out George Perring of the Clevelands as the coming star in the infield. He thinks Perring was just beginning to find himself in the last half of the 1908 season.

The Washington club has ordered Jim Delahanty to quit the All-American team now playing in Japan, as the nine is managed by an ineligible player. Japan is a far cry from Washington and Jim is an obstinate fellow.

President Pat Powers is reported to have already signed Kelly, Stafford and Murray of last year's Eastern league staff of Memphis, and the new men are said to be Finneran and Connor of the Tri-State league and Byron of a western league.

What is said to be a world's record for assists in proportion to games played has been credited to Frank Owens, the Memphis catcher, drafted by the Chicago White Sox. Official figures just announced by the league show Owens in possession of 194 assists for 117 games, or nearly two men thrown out for every contest. His nearest rival is McMurray of Atlanta, with 124.

Manager Jack Dunn has severed his connection with the Baltimore club for ten days. In this time he is a free agent and can come to terms with any club with which he wishes to do business. At the end of ten days, if he has not signed with any club, he is to rejoin the Orioles, but he may not return as manager. Dunn declined to sign for next year until paid a bonus he asked for on last season's contract.

We pay for what the thieves take. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

BASKETBALL NOTES

On Monday evening in Centralville Rollaway the Mysteries first team will have for its opponents the strong C. Y. M. L. Seniors, while the Mysteries second team will have the strong C. Y. M. A. opposing it. No doubt these games will attract a great deal of interest, for each team has a large following of rooters.

Not being able to arrange a full schedule of games the management of the Mysteries wishes to announce in The Sun, that the team is open to play any team in the city or state at 120 or 130 pounds.

There is nothing in Lowell that can touch the following quintet of players: Gilbride, Dyer, O'Brien, McPherson and Fahey.

The games in Centralville are attended by a large crowd of the fair sex, while some of them have a pretty brown and cream flag with a large "M" on it.

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G. F. STURTEVANT

Head of School Supply Dept. Dead

Mr. George F. Sturtevant, for many years head of the public school supply department, died Saturday night at the Lowell General hospital. Mr. Sturtevant went to the hospital during the early part of the week for an operation. It was at first thought that he was suffering from appendicitis, but later developed to be gall stones. His condition became so critical that the doctors decided that the only way in which there was a chance to save his life would be to perform an operation. While the operation proved to be successful, Mr. Sturtevant was unable to rally and passed away Saturday night.

Mr. Sturtevant was 61 years old, and had spent the greater part of his life in Lowell, excepting a few years spent in Bath, Me., where he was superintendent of the Bath foundry. He held a similar position with the Pevey foundry in Lowell for a long term of years, and about ten years ago was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Henry Williams, who was truant commissioner and supply agent for the school department. He filled this position in a capable manner, and his loss will be keenly felt by scores of teachers who enjoyed his always happy and genial companionship.

But his circle of friends was perhaps widest among the musical people of the city, and those who have to do with them. Of late years he had sung only occasionally, but in his younger years he was one of the leading tenors of the city. He had sung in the John Street, Kirk Street, High Street, St. Anne's and other choirs, and at the time of his death was a member of the Temple male quartet.

In fraternal circles he was well known. He was active in the Masonic bodies, but retained his membership in the lodge in Bath. He was an Elk and a member of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Sturtevant was not married, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Almira Sturtevant, and a brother, Charles S. Sturtevant, and by nieces and nephews.

BISHOP ALLEN

Says Pope Pius X is in Good Health

ROME, Dec. 21.—Alarm is again beginning to spread through Rome concerning the Pope's health. It is said he has not rallied altogether since his recent illness and that his condition is causing anxiety to the cardinals.

In an interview, Bishop Allen of Mobile, Ala., who was one of the last to see the Pope, said:

"I was with the Holy Father for a considerable time and I am able to say I found him perfectly well. Besides, I was present Sunday at the ceremony at the Vatican and heard the pope deliver a long address lasting half an hour on Joan of Arc. His voice was clear and ringing, his movements active and there was no external sign to show he is not in the best of health."

INJURIES FATAL

Child Victim of Peculiar Accident

Leo Deschenes, aged two years and eight months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Deschenes of 27 Ward street, died Saturday night as a result of a peculiar accident which he suffered Thursday afternoon.

The child had been playing with a brass curtain rod. With the rod in his hand he started to run across the room, when one end of the rod struck the wall the other end entering the child's right eye and penetrating the brain.

The child was rendered unconscious and partial paralysis set in and later total paralysis. He was removed to the Lowell hospital where an examination was made and it was found that nothing could be done to save the child's life, therefore he was returned to his home, where death occurred.

Y. M. C. A. TEAM

WON BASKETBALL GAME AT MANCHESTER

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basketball team went to Manchester Saturday night and defeated the Y. M. C. A. team of that city by a score of 43 to 40. The Lowell team put up a good battle, but the representatives of the Queen City were also on their mettle and made good opponents. The score at the end of the first half was 26 to 20 in favor of Manchester, but the Lowell boys got in the going in the latter part of the game and slammed the ball into the basket from every direction. The summary:

Lowell	Manchester
Croft lb	rf Jackson-Farmer
Sutherland rb	lf Sawyer
W. Grant c	c Stewart
J. Grant rf	lb Bond
Cote lf	rb Murkel

Goals from the floor, J. Grant 10, Cote 6, Croft 2, W. Grant 2, Stewart 5, Sawyer 4, Bond 4, Murkel 2. Goals from fouls, Sawyer 10, Cote 3. Score, Lowell 43, Manchester 40. Attendance, 500.

LAWRENCE WON

One of the local Y. M. C. A. basketball teams lost to Lawrence in a good game Saturday night on the local floor by the score of 14 to 9. The game was fast throughout and created plenty of excitement for the unusually large number of spectators present.

Leavitt and Clement excelled for Lowell, while Smith and Bingham showed up well for the visitors. The summaries:

Lawrence	Lowell
Bingham lf	rb Clements
Walahan rf	lb LaJeuness
Gallagher c	c Leavitt
Smith lb	rf Livingston
Christian rb	lf Dwyer

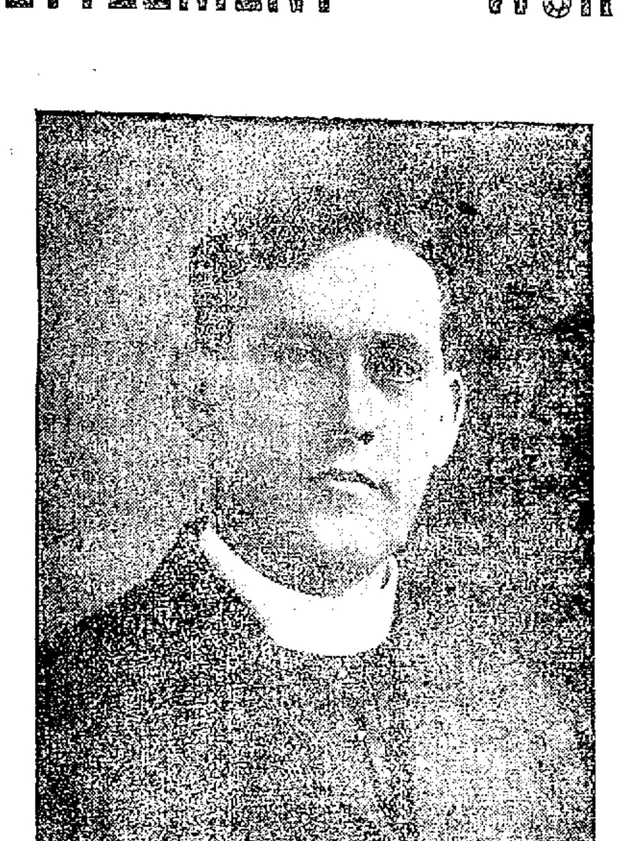
Score—Lawrence 14, Lowell 9. Goals by Livingston, Dwyer 2, Leavitt, Walahan, Smith 3, Gallagher 2. Fouls, Dwyer, Smith 2. Referee, Stephan [illegible], Gwin, Provencher. Attendance, [illegible].

SENATOR KNOX

Mrs. Knox and Their Country Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Philander Chase Knox of Pennsylvania, who has accepted the office of secretary of state to succeed Elihu Root in the Taft cabinet, was born in Brownsville, Pa., on May 6, 1853, and was graduated from Mount Union college, Alliance, O., in 1872. He engaged in the practice of law in 1876 and soon became one of the most distinguished and successful practitioners at the Pennsylvania bar. He was made attorney general by Mr. McKinley on April 9, 1901, and remained in the cabinet under Mr. Roosevelt until June, 1904, when he resigned to accept the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death of Senator Quay. Mr. Knox was elected to the senate in January, 1905, for the term ending March 3, 1911. The fact that he is to leave the senate for the cabinet has already caused activity among senatorial aspirants in Pennsylvania. Among those who are talked of as candidates for Senator Knox's toga are George T. Oliver, millionaire iron manufacturer and newspaper publisher; Henry C. Frick, George F. Huff, John Dalzell, Joseph V. Thompson, Judge John P. Elkin and Martin E. Olmstead. The accompanying cut contains a photograph of the Knox country home in historic Valley Forge.

SETTLEMENT WORK



REV. DENNIS A. SULLIVAN, O. M. I.

Rev. Fr. Sullivan O. M. I., Plans to Aid Belvidere Children

Rev. Dennis Sullivan, O. M. I., has started a movement that is certain to bring happiness to many homes.

Last Saturday Fr. Sullivan announced that he had called a meeting of the O. M. I. Cadets and the Children of Mary to be held in Y. M. C. I. hall at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. At the 8 o'clock mass at the Immaculate Conception church yesterday, he urged the parents of the members of these two organizations to see that every boy and girl was present at the meeting. At the appointed hour yesterday afternoon there must have been five hundred children in the hall. Fr. Sullivan called to order and told the boys and girls that he had [illegible] do something to aid the poor children of Belvidere without regard to [illegible] and he asked those present to [illegible] him. He then outlined a plan of settlement work on which he has been at work for some time. He said he wanted the members of the O. M. I. Cadets and the Children of Mary to act as members of committees which will be headed by officers of the two organizations. Each committee will be assigned a section of Belvidere in which to carry on the work. The entire expense will be borne by the members of the committees, though of course, if any charitably inclined people wish to aid by contributions, their assistance will be greatly appreciated. [illegible] Fr. Sullivan [illegible] received several private contributions from persons who knew he was at work on some method by which the poor children might be helped to food and clothing. The good priest told the children yesterday afternoon that he thought this time, at the approach of the festival of Christmas, was the best season to begin the work so that no children in Belvidere would have their Christmas marred because of the absence of food or clothing.

He proposes to personally supervise the work and feels confident that with the start already made and the help given yesterday by the children, every home in Belvidere will have [illegible] by Thursday of this week. The settlement work will be a permanent venture and it is believed that when the people of all classes see what has been accomplished, they will readily cooperate with Fr. Sullivan and his committee of young people so that in time the settlement work may be engaged in on a more elaborate scale.

Since coming to the Immaculate Conception church, Fr. Sullivan, who is a native of Belvidere and a graduate of the Immaculate Conception school, has taken the greatest interest in the young people of Belvidere. He organized and is spiritual director of the O. M. I. Cadets, and has done everything for the boys and girls of that section of the city.

Speaking of the settlement work, he said to a reporter of The Sun, who inquired about his plans: "There are in Belvidere many little children who suffer for want of food, and who are unable to receive proper protection from the cold weather because of lack of suitable clothing. No better work could one get children interested in, than aiding those little ones, who may not be so fortunate as themselves. It teaches them practical charity and I believe will make of them better men and women when they have grown up. I am surprised at the enthusiasm with which my appeal to the meeting of young people was received yesterday afternoon, and I can say that the contributions of these young people at the first meeting were indeed gratifying to me and beyond my expectations. My purpose is to see that every child in Belvidere, no matter what his creed or color may be, is attended to, and then I will feel that the work is proceeding satisfactorily."

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HELD A BEAN SUPPER

A well attended and successful bean supper was held in the quarters formerly occupied by Post 185 G. A. R. Saturday night under the auspices of Court Jeanne d'Arc, French American Foresters. About six hundred people partook of the appetizing spread. The committee in charge of the supper was composed of Miss Pauline Picard, president; Mrs. Adeline Favreau, Miss Alma Lequin, Mrs. George Pitro and Miss Regina Caron, and the young women waiting on the tables were Misses Marthe Favreau, Mary and Josie Hebert, Mary Dionne, May Dionne, Mrs. George Pitre and Miss Rosa Cote.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Catherine V. Golden, of Lowell, in said County, that she was lawfully married to William E. Golden, now of Hot Springs, South Dakota, at Lowell, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1895, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said William E. Golden, lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell, aforesaid; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said William E. Golden, being wholly regardless of the same, at Lowell, aforesaid, on or about the 15th day of September, A. D. 1900, contracted and still has gross and confirmed habits of intoxication caused by the voluntary and excessive use of intoxicating liquors. And at Lowell, aforesaid, on or about the 7th day of October, A. D. 1900, and at divers other dates was guilty of cruel and abusive treatment towards your libellant.

And being of sufficient ability so to do, gross, wantonly and cruelly refuses and neglects to provide suitable maintenance and support for your libellant.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said William E. Golden.

There is one minor child of said marriage, to wit, William H., aged 12 years. And your libellant prays the Honorable Court that the care and custody of said minor child be committed to her, and for such other orders and decrees as to your Honors shall seem meet, and as justice may require.

Dated the 26th day of September, A. D. 1908.

CATHERINE V. GOLDEN.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, Nov. 28, A. D. 1908.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Ernest I. Curtice, late of Berwick, in the State of Maine, deceased, intestate, having estate in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to Harvey B. Harriman, Administrator, 40 Wilbur st.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 12, 1908.

Lowell Institution for Savings

Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, I, George S. Barrows, now of Kansas City, Mo., administrator, do hereby give notice that I have made written application to the Lowell Institution for Savings, Lowell, Mass., for a duplicate deposit book of Account No. 41454, standing in the name of William E. Barrows, which said deposit book is lost or destroyed. Signed,

GEORGE S. BARROWS,
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TWO GOOD FAMILY COWS for sale. Inquire at 33 Bleachery st.

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Love, Laughter, Hatred and Revenge In New Plays

[From Our New York Dramatic Correspondent.]

ANY one in search of a particular kind of emotional excitement can find whatever he may desire in any of the plays forming the latest batch of metropolitan productions.

Laughter and ebullient mirth that he craves? Let him hear William Collier in "The Patriot" at the Garrick theater. Are his romantic tendencies to be satisfied? Let him see Annie Russell in "The Stronger Sex" at Weber's. Are feminine morbidity, heartbreaks, untamed masculine ferocity and revenge, horror and death in demand? If so it is the performance of "Malia," an Italian play, pictured by the imported company of native Sicilians, that will fill the craving.

WILLIAM COLLIER A SUCCESS IN NEW FARCE, "THE PATRIOT."

Though played in Italian (or Sicilian), "Malia" is thoroughly interesting even to those who do not understand the language, owing to the remarkable interpretation of the leading roles by the talented Latins. At the head of the company is the much heralded Signora Aguglia, and it is only fair to say that the elaborate praise of the press of London, Berlin and Vienna is thoroughly justified. It is not extravagant to term her "the new Duse" or "the Italian Bernhardt." Signora Aguglia and Ernete Novelli have raised the modern Italian stage to a lofty level.

"Malia" means "the spell," or "the enchantment," written by a native Italian poet and author, Luigi Capuana, and tells a swiftly moving story of gripping tragedy. Village life in Sicily is pictured in realistic and accurate fashion.

The story hinges on the mental suffering of a girl, Jana (played by Signora Aguglia), who is intensely in love with the man who is about to marry her sister. He is the object of her "grand passion" that is said to occur to human beings but once in a life time. Through the influence of her natural feminine shame and because of religious feelings she fights desperately to keep her overpowering affection entirely to herself.

The villagers are sitting around the farmyard awaiting the return of the sister's bridal party (first act). Jana, sorrow laden, refuses to take part in the festivities and rebuffs her companions ill temperedly.

Later Jana's brother-in-law undertakes to discover why Jana's conduct has become so peculiar. Months have passed since the wedding, and the girl has given way to her melancholy completely.

There seems nothing with power to arouse for her an interest in the matters of life and living. Her relatives and acquaintances, finding no ordinary means for accounting for Jana's vagary, finally conclude that the girl is laboring under some witch's spell. The brother-in-law, Cola, however, succeeds in ferreting out the mysterious cause—that Jana is madly in love with him. He has already regretted his marriage with Jana's sister, finding her much of a shrew, and wishes he had married Jana instead. When the girl reveals her love to him, he becomes unnerved, losing his temper, and Jana struggles against him, working herself into such frenzy that she falls into a fit resembling epilepsy.

Throughout this act Signora Aguglia's acting is marvelous. She sacrifices every personal attraction she may have to realism; she is a pale, sick woman dressed dowdily, shambling along and uttering only discordant monosyllables; she lets her eyes speak. When Cola, the man she loves, begins to argue the struggle between passion and repugnance is told wholly by her face, and a wonderful study that is.

OLGA. EDWIN STEVENS AS THE DEVIL. KARL

Famous Temptation Scene From "The Devil," Act 1.

THE DEVIL SAYS TO OLGA, THE YOUNG WIFE OF A BANKER, AND TO KARL, THE POOR YOUNG ARTIST WHO MADLY LOVES OLGA:

"WHAT A SPLENDID COUPLE YOU WOULD MAKE!"

(TO KARL) "YOU WITH YOUR TALENT, YOUR SPLENDID YOUTH!"

(TO OLGA) "YOU WITH YOUR TEMPERAMENT AND BEAUTY AND LONGING!"

KARL: "STOP, STOP, I BEG YOU! FOR SIX YEARS WE HAVE BEEN GOOD FRIENDS, NOTHING ELSE."

THE DEVIL: "YOU MAY SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT I CAN READ YOUR EYES. THEY SAY, 'DON'T BELIEVE HIM; HE LIES.'"

It is after she has betrayed her love and in her horror is fighting against Cola that the crowning scene of the play occurs. It is a sort of low life "Tristan und Isolde" duet, so brutal and painful in its naturalness that no suggestion of sensuality is conveyed. The agony of the wretched woman's tortured senses and her equal horror and fear of the man with her, the epileptic convulsions into which she is thrown, are depicted with a truth to nature that is amazing and that goes beyond anything seen hitherto on the New York stage.

Additional complications occur in which the unfortunate domestic tragedy is intensified and revengeful bloodshed results, showing the violent character of the enraged Sicilian natives, with whom bloodletting is an art, for to kill is the law.

It is an atmosphere quite different from that of "Malia" that pervades the house where Mr. Collier is playing "The Patriot," a farce by J. Hartley Manners and Mr. Collier himself. The inimitable comedian keeps his audience in uproariously good humor and taps an entirely new pipe of down-to-the-times Collierisms.

As Sir Augustus Plantagenet Armitage, an Englishman down on his luck in the American west, Mr. Collier perpetrates a large number of amusing things, really but little to describe in writing, really refreshing to watch and hear. And that is the Collier style—to make you laugh and wonder why you did it in your calmer moments removed from the field of action.

Somehow one gets an idea that there is a well outlined plot, only to forget all about it later on, when typical Collier comedy is rampant. Sir Augustus is eventually notified that the boss of Fir Tree Hill, Bullfrog, Nev., is to receive $50,000 through the death of a relative abroad. Most of the camp follows Sir August to London, where their reception and their demeanor among the Britishers are not absolutely conventional.

FRANZ MOLNAR, HUNGARIAN AUTHOR OF "THE DEVIL."

The boss, however, balks at the condition qualifying the legacy. To get it he must marry a certain Miss Berkshire. Heroically doth Sir Augustus "spoin" the lucre that would rob him of little Nell of Bullfrog, Nev., for she alone is to be "his'n." Hastily he hits the back trail to the U. S. A. Most genuinely does he become hymenated to the pretty prairie flower, whose natural charms would outweigh John D. Rockefeller's bank book in any farce.

The role of Nell was played effectively by Helen Hale, who has cornered a large portion of the beauty market and wisely realizes it. She and Mr. Collier are a pair of tremble-assassinators of whom New York will take long in tiring.

Collier as a Stage Director.

William Collier had everything to do with the staging of "The Patriot." He wrote most of the play, chose the scenery, the properties, hired many of the actors and then rehearsed them night and day. His weapon for obtaining results and hard work is sarcasm. An actor inadvertently speaks a line that has been discarded from the manuscript. It throws out everybody on the stage, and the action stops. But Mr. Collier does not fly into a fury. He quietly approaches the trembling offender and says with funereal seriousness: "You like that line, don't you? Well, as the author of the play I suppose I should feel flattered, but I am not. We cut that line out two weeks ago. Can't you see it doesn't fit in, or are you so fond of it that you are going to make it fit anyway? If you must have it, take it, bring it home with you, sing it, eat it" (with wild gesticulations), "hand it down to your children. I won't call you a plagiarist, but I will call you something worse if I ever hear you speak that line again."

The name of Russell will long be associated with Weber's Music hall, but it is another Russell, Miss Annie, and not Miss Lillian, who is now endeavoring to make the theater succeed as the home of legitimate drama.

In "The Stronger Sex," by John Valentine, Miss Russell disports herself as a husband tamer, trying to reform a foreigner of title.

Frederick Tregelles

Get Ready Now For Winter Ice Sport, Hockey, Skating, Etc.

GET out, Mr. Athlete—that is, get out those skates that have lain idle on the top shelf for eight or nine months and have the edges filed. Get out the hockey sticks and the snowshoes. Rip the covering off that ice yacht and give the snowshoes a liberal dose of tallow. The outdoor season of winter sport will now keep your blood circulating in spite of the doctors, and the weather man says the winter won't end as mildly as it began in many quarters.

So far as the organized sports for cold weather are concerned, the outlook is better in some respects than in years past and not so good in others. Organized skating is dormant in the east owing to the bickerings of the powers that want to control it. Ice hockey, on the contrary, is booming along like a frigate under full sail and promises to be the big winter game of the future in this country.

Ice yachting sharps have seemingly lost interest in national contests owing to weather discouragements in the past, though the racing in a dozen localities for purely local honors is improving in popularity and class. On the Shrewsbury river, New Jersey, for instance, and on the northerly lakes of the middle west many new craft of big sail area have been recently built, and last year's speed was, as a whole, of higher average than ever known before. In fact, the speed of ice yachts of big sail spread is as great as that of the fastest racing autos for short distances under the most favorable conditions. A yacht on the Shrewsbury was authoritatively timed going a mile under thirty seconds last winter.

Skeeing has made swift strides in popularity. Americans have evidently concluded that their Scandinavian rivals shall no longer monopolize this form of winter "thriller." Large sporting goods houses report a wide demand for skees (made of springy ash or hickory strips, about nine feet long) by skaters and snowshoers, who express themselves as fascinated by the varying possibilities of the implements.

OGDEN REID, NOTED EASTERN SWIMMER AND WATER POLO PLAYER.

Ogden Reid, a son of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, is a leading member of the New York Athletic club's famous swimming team and world's champion water polo team. Like his father, he has begun his business life as a journalist.

An erroneous impression has been held in this country that skees were adapted to use only on especially prepared slides, from which jumps of long distances were made. Now that Americans better understand that they are of admirable service in making long cross country jaunts, especially on crusted snow, and as well adapted to traversing sheets of glare ice the skees find increased favor. The English idea that competition in sport is not the whole thing has gradually obtained a strong footing in the United States and is materially influencing people in their manner of recreation. The doctrine of exercising merely for the sake of exercise and not necessarily for the purpose of outdoing some one else has much of sense and benefit in it.

That ice hockey should take the lead in the growth of winter sports is not a source of wonder. Purely a competitive pastime, it satisfies the cravings of the hearty youths who yearn to expend energy in a lavish manner. As scientific as baseball, as violent as football and an intense developer of lung capacity and muscle it is natural that scores of recruits in the colleges, schools and clubs are added each year.

The comparatively small number of college and school teams that have joined regularly organized leagues has but little general significance. The teams that make matches as they please with individual clubs get as much benefit from the game as does Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Dartmouth or other teams having league affiliations.

Savannah wants the Grand Prize auto race in 19[illegible]. This statement was made by Mayor Tiedeman and was indorsed by the officers of the Savannah Automobile club.

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7.01	8.00	10.00	10.37
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8.58	9.40	1.00	*1.37
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3.10	4.14	3.30	4.30
4.23	5.25	4.50	5.56
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6.45	7.30	9.00	10.50
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LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

Commencing with a Christmas matinee, the Fenberg stock company begins a two days' engagement here at the Opera House opening with David Higgins' great story of southern life, "At Piney Ridge." Mr. Higgins, in this play, has given to the stage one of those charming and absorbing idylls of the sweet southland, the atmosphere breathing at all times the beautiful and invigorating air of pine-clad Tennessee. His characters are true examples of the years following closely after the war, when many a family became impoverished and many a house was suffering sad bereavement. The company portraying the many plays to be exploited during the engagement of Mgr. Fenberg's company this week, is one of exceptional merit. Among the members this season are Jane Tyrrell, Fern Foster, Sadie Radcliffe, Amy Slaeffer, Bert Walters, Daniel Hamilton, Louis Morrison, Jean Barrymore and others of equal popularity. The specialties are very pleasing and include Charles Hammond, a young man who does wonderful things with the hoops, Miss McNeil, who will be remembered as one of the very best lady cornet soloists, Bert Walter, the comedian, Fern Foster the vivacious soubrette, Thomas Levine, a dancer of considerable ability and the popular illustrated songs.

Seats for all performances are now on sale.

"MERRY WIDOW"

It is apparent how Mr. Henry W. Savage's original production of the genuine "The Merry Widow" has displaced its imitations. A musical play, last season, was not complete unless somebody or something in it imitated somebody or something in "The Merry Widow." Now that the operetta is touring the country, these imitations and travesties quickly are vanishing. The reason of their withdrawal is evident. Like all imitations, they cannot stand comparison with the genuine article. Mr. Savage's production of "The Merry Widow" will be seen here at the Opera House for three days' commencing Tuesday, Dec. 29th with a matinee on Wednesday. The seats for the engagement go on sale at 9 a. m. next Thursday, Dec. 24.

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THE LATE MAJOR ORLANDO J. SMITH.

MAJ. O. J. SMITH

Founder of American Press Asso. Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Maj. Orlando Jay Smith, president and general manager of the American press association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry last night. Maj. Smith had been ill since September, when he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach, but throughout his illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Orlando Jay Smith, founder of the American press association and its president and general manager from its inception until his death, was a journalist of national reputation. To his training and guidance many of the men prominent in the newspaper world during the past two decades owe their position and fame.

He was born June 14, 1842, on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., of Vermont ancestry. His father, Hiram Smith, was one of Indiana's pioneers. He sent his son to the public schools and later to Asbury college, now De Pauw university. In later years the university conferred on him the degree of LL. D.

THE SHOEMAKER

Messrs. Barton and Wiswell's production of "The Shoemaker" with Lew Welch in the stellar role of Morris Goldberg will be the attraction at the Opera House soon. The piece is described as a melodrama of the better sort. There is a blending of heart interest, comedy, thrills, sensations and novelties that should appeal to any audience.

HATHAWAY'S THEATRE

The spirit of Christmas will be all-pervading at Hathaway's theatre this week. In addition to the holidays, the theatre is celebrating its third anniversary, and has not counted the cost in the effort to make the occasion notable in Lowell's history. Beautiful decorations will brighten the cosy playhouse, and the show is the season's finest. Three big feature acts are offered. To enumerate: Wilmer & Vincent will present Harrison Armstrong's one-act political episode, "A Spotless Reputation." The brilliant cast includes George K. Thompson, candidate for governor, played by Maurice Wilkinson; and Dr. Lloyd Montmorency Hedge, "The Smiling Kid," played by William Foran. The scene is laid in the office of Mr. Thompson, a corporation lawyer, and the action introduces comedy and dramatic interest, artistically intermingled and most delightfully acted.

Another act that will be received with the most eager interest in this city is contributed by the Four Prevosts, all Lowell people who have risen to the highest place in the vaudeville ranks. They will present their mammoth comedy act, "Fun in a Turkish Bath," which has scored a phenomenal hit throughout the world of vaudeville.

Searl Allen & Co. will entertain with Mr. Allen's own original farce, "A Traveling Man." The principal scene takes place in the interior of a Pullman car, and the characters are as follows:

Miss Phoebe White, a tourist, Hester Armstrong
A. Grafter, an honest news butcher boy ..... Arthur Pearce
Percy Dupont, a polite brakeman Edward Everett
I. M. Black, a colored porter George Morris
R. U. Wise, a commercial traveler Searl Allen

Like all of Mr. Allen's productions, the piece frisks along with breakneck dash and lightness, and its gayety and fun are spontaneous and compelling. Mr. Allen is capital in the role of the wise drummer, and his assistant merry makers aid him in a rollicking success. William Cahill, "The Man From Ireland," is a universal favorite for his engaging qualities as a monologist and singer. He is a song-writer of note, as well, some of his compositions including such familiar successes as "She Was a Grand Old Lady," "We Have No One to Care for Us now," "Since Father Went to Work," and many others. A fine all-round variety number is offered by Barnes and Crawford, a duo of versatile comedians, in their frolicsome skit, "The Fakir and The Soubrette." Leonard and Ward are Hebrew comedians of the first class, and their sketch, "Fader and Able," is a scream, from start to finish.

An excellent acrobat and two cleverly trained dogs comprise the Goyt trio and the combination offers a most entertaining performance. The program concludes with a series of the latest and most interesting moving pictures. Boxes of candy will be given every child who attends the matinee performances of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

As a special Christmas week attraction the management of the Academy of Music has introduced an innovation in the amusement line in the Dramagraph stock company which will appear for the first time in Lowell all this week at the Academy. The Dramagraph stock company is a unique and high priced attraction and is certainly a novelty in the line of picture entertainments. For the first three days "The Old, Old Story" will be presented and for the last three the attraction will be "The Cowboy and the Schoolmarm." Don't miss this great attraction. But while the Dramagraph company is a whole show in itself it is only the headliner on the Academy bill for the program includes three complete reels of moving pictures including six pictures on varied subjects and then there will be new illustrated songs and all for the small price of 10 cents, all seats free and children half price. A special invitation is extended to the ladies to attend the matinee performances. Every feature offered at the evening show is also given at the matinee. The hours of the performances are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10.

STAR THEATRE

A treat is in store for the patrons of the Star theatre throughout this week. The management has procured the very best moving pictures and illustrated songs to accompany the talking pictures. "The Peasant's Revenge" is the theme of the talking picture, which was presented for the first time this afternoon.

Amateurs will pace the boards on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday and Friday there will be changes in the program.

Miss "Babe" Curry, who has been singing at the Franklin Opera House in Nashua for the past week, was tendered a welcome by scores of her friends this afternoon when she introduced a new song.

THEATRE VOYONS

Today a new program will be offered at the Theatre Voyons, and every one of its many features will be the best of its kind. Straight motion pictures with no frills but just the very best to be secured, and the like applies to the illustrated songs. "The One Best Bet" is Pathe's latest dramatic offering, magnificently staged, and telling a story full of thrills and interesting from the start to the finish. "The Cocoa Industry in the West Indies" is a travel picture with a true educational value. Almost everyone is familiar with cocoa in its breakfast table state, but few know how the article is grown and prepared for market. This picture follows every step from the fields to the table. "The Instalment Collector" is a comedy full of laughs and surprises, and tells a new story. The songs are good and "It Looks Like a Big Night Tonight" will please everyone.

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DEATHS

JOYCE—Dr. Frederick Lawrence Joyce, an interne at St. John's hospital, in 1903 and 1904, died recently in Monrovia, Cal., where he had gone to recuperate in health. His death was due to tuberculosis.

Dr. Joyce was especially well liked while here and his death will be a severe blow to the many friends he had in this city. His age was about 30 years. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Maud Lewis Joyce, whom he married but little over a month ago. Dr. Joyce's home was in San Francisco and his marriage took place there on October 6, last. His wife was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frederic B. A. Lewis, of San Francisco.

Dr. Joyce came to this city immediately after graduating from the Harvard medical school, in 1903.

WORDEN—Benjamin F. Worden died Saturday at his home in Tyngsboro. He leaves one brother, George Worden of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. A. R. Choate of Graniteville, Mrs. N. D. Shipley, Mrs. Eliza Hall and Miss Mary C. Worden, all of Tyngsboro.

O'KEEFE—Mrs. Catherine O'Keefe died last evening at St. John's hospital. The body was removed to the residence, 270 Adams street, by C. H. Molloy & Sons. Mrs. O'Keefe leaves, besides her husband, John, two sons, James and Thomas, and four daughters, the Misses Theresa, Ellen, Mary and Ethel; three sisters, Mrs. Bridget Danaby, Mrs. Daniel Coughlin and Miss Johanna Crowley, and one brother, John Crowley of this city.

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GREAT SCANDAL

LISBON, Dec. 21.—The newly elected municipal council has unearthed a big scandal in the city's acts. Over $7,000,000 has disappeared. The former monarchical councillors admit the irregularities but lay the blame upon the government which they say illegally took the city's money.

Auction! Auction! Auction!

At Keyes' Commission Rooms, Old B. & M. Depot, Green Street, on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, at 2.30 P. M.

6 uprights and 4 square pianos, 3 of the uprights are practically new and standard makes. If you want to make a Christmas present of a piano, this is your opportunity, as they must go for the high dollar. Call and examine them to your own satisfaction before the sale. Special at 3 o'clock, 28 Fur Robes; 1 Single Sleigh.

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THORNTON J. HAINS

Said to Have Expressed Regret for Brother's Act

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Evidence that Thornton J. Hains had expressed regret for the act of Captain Peter Hains in shooting William Annis and that he had been endeavoring for some time to prevent the killing, was drawn on cross-examination from Charles Roberts, member of the Bayside Yacht club, called to the stand today as one of the principal witnesses for the state in the trial of Hains as a principal with Captain Peter Hains, Jr., his brother, in the slaying of Annis.

"No one is more sorry than I am. I have been trying to prevent this thing for some time," was the statement developed from Mr. Roberts' testimony.

The witness, Roberts, told a clear story of the shooting. He said that Thornton Hains had pointed his revolver at him while the shooting was in progress and threatened his life. The revolvers of the Hains brothers were placed in evidence today.

That Thornton Hains was armed in the order of a plainsman was shown today when a leather holster which is strapped around the waist and enables the owner to make a quick play, was identified by Roberts as the one taken from the writer after the shooting.

Dist. Atty. Darrin informed the court at recess that it would take about five days to present the rest of the state's case. Justice Crane then announced that night sessions of the court would be held, commencing tomorrow night.

THE MAINE TO SAIL

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—A special to the Ledger-Despatch from Fortress Monroe, Va., today says:

"The United States battleship flagship Maine of the third squadron of the new Atlantic fleet, with Rear Admiral Arnold in command, sails today under sealed orders for the south. She is presumably bound for Venezuela."

OVERDUE STEAMERS ARRIVE

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 21.—Two long overdue steamers, concerning which much anxiety had been felt, arrived here today. They were the Falco from Glasgow and the Kristiania from Grimsby, both Norwegian vessels.

Captain Hansen of the Falco reported that the steamer which left Glasgow November 27 had an unusually boisterous voyage. At one period the storms were so violent that the steamer was forced to lay to for days.

The Kristiania, in command of Captain Johnson, left Grimsby November 15. She encountered a series of terrific gales and had to lay to for many days. Neither vessel was damaged.

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JOLLY SURPRISE

Fireman Foss Presented a Fine Ring

Everybody knows "Bill" Foss, the well known fireman of the central station, for "Bill," who was originally called "William," has had more hairbreadth escapes as a firefighter than any man in Lowell of his experience. Not long ago while struggling against a lively blaze "Bill" lost a ring that he prized very highly and he missed it much.

His friends got wise to the fact that he was mourning the loss of the ring and they decided to restore the lost ring by a finer article and they went about it in a quiet way.

On Saturday night while "Bill" was taking things easy at the fire station he received a sudden summons over the 'phone to come at once to his home, 60 E. Merrimack street, and upon receiving the necessary permission he lost no time in getting to the house. Upon entering he was much surprised to hear the sounds of revelry within and was more surprised to see his fellow-worker, Herb Merrill, in the centre of a group of smiling friends. Mr. Merrill immediately got busy and in a very neat speech told "Bill" what his friends thought about him and concluded by presenting him with a beautiful ring on behalf of those assembled. Mr. Foss was genuinely surprised and for a moment could not find words to express his thanks. He found them soon, however, and made a graceful speech of thanks. Then followed a delightful social time with refreshments, served by the Scotstown sisters, Lucinda and Mattie MacKenzie while an informal entertainment program was given which included instrumental music by Rourke's orchestra, James Rourke director and vocal selections by the Y. M. C. I. quartet and others. The party broke up at a seasonable hour with best wishes for the popular fireman and his estimable wife. The delightful affair was arranged by Misses Ann Sheridan and May Muvanity of this city and Etta Morton of Nashua. Among the out-of-town friends present were: Mr. P. J. McDonald of Boston, the Misses McDonald of York, Me., and Miss Effie Bixby of Portland, Me., beside a number of friends from Nashua.

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State Officer C. E. Byrnes, who has charge of Middlesex county for the state police, was just about to seek his couch late Saturday night when he received a telephone message from headquarters telling him to go to Lowell on an early train and there in company with others engineer a raid on a bunch of dead game sports who were to pull off one of the most important cocking mains ever held in this vicinity.

That Officer Byrnes is an expert engineer in such matters was evidenced by the fact that he executed the most successful and most complete raid ever held in the Lowell district, securing 41 sports and 13 birds, for one bird got away but the "Little Humming Bird," considered the best 5-8 bird in America and valued at $500, was among the unlucky 13. Out of the entire crowd only three escaped and one of these was "pinched" in Lowell later.

Today in police court the fines imposed amounted to $760.

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STRUCK THEATRE

Grand Trunk car No. 6559 gave Hathaway's theatre a solar plexus this forenoon that rattled its slats just a little bit and adorned it with an ugly hole.

The thing happened about 10 o'clock. Cars were being shifted on the track in the alley beside the theatre and while the shifting engine was sending the car in question across Shattuck street the car left the rails on the crossing and smashed into the corner of the building, dislodging a few hundred bricks and cracking the wall on the inside.

The theatre is being prettily decorated for the Christmas season and a couple of fellows who were busily engaged in putting the finishing touches on the decorations thought that an earthquake had struck town. They were high up on the building and the building shook visibly when the car struck.

Those whose names appear on the bill this week were rehearsing when the crash came and they thought an explosion had occurred. The car struck the corner farthest from Market street and directly beside the door leading to Manager Shannon's office. No estimate of the loss was made today.

Fortunately, the accident did not result in injury to anybody and the damage to the theatre was not very great. Traffic in Shattuck street was blocked for the greater part of the forenoon because of the derailment of the car.

One corner of the car was badly damaged as a result of the collision.

MUST FILE ELECTION EXPENSES

Tomorrow is the last day for candidates to file their election expenses. The candidates have seven days after election day in which to file statements of their expenses and the treasurers of city committees have until 30 days after election to make their statements.

BRAKEMAN FELL FROM CAR

C. E. Mitchell, a brakeman in the employ of the Boston & Maine, and residing at Hooksett, N. H., fell from the top of a freight car near the School street crossing about ten o'clock this morning and sustained an injury to his back and left ankle. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to St. John's hospital.

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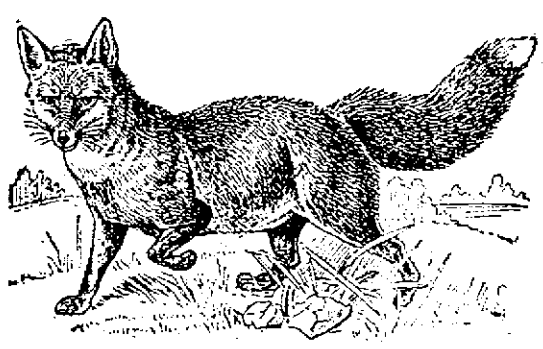

Our phenomenal sale of Furs on Saturday last was a record breaker (to use the store phrase). We expected a big day but were not prepared for anything like the throng that came. Our salesladies were simply overpowered. So great was the throng Mr. Shanley was forced to telephone to his Manchester Fur House for additional saleslADIES to come to Lowell at once to assist him.

Here are a few of the bargains that proved magnetic to the throng of buyers:

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A DIFFICULT JOB

A Large Crowd Saw Horses Drag Load

The attraction at the corner of Central and Market streets shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon was the temporary discomfiture of four horses that were hitched to a sled that was heavily laden with lumber. It wasn't a very extraordinary sight, but sufficiently attractive to gather together 200 people or more.

It was not the team that was attached immediately to the lumber-laden sled that was getting the worst of it, but another pair that was hitched to an empty sled. From the empty sled went lines to the loaded one, thus connecting the front pair of horses with the load.

The loaded sled struck the bare pavements as the horses were reined from Central to Market streets. The forward pair could not seem to get a foothold and, like the elevator boy, they had their ups and down. They took turns at falling, but they did not lose their courage, neither did the teamster lose his temper, and the result was that after a very hard pull they landed the load in Market street where there was snow enough and to spare.

AT CITY HALL

Several Meetings for This Evening

The committee and other meetings for this evening as they appear on the calendar in the city messenger's office are as follows: Committee on ordinance and legislation at 8 o'clock, committee on appropriations, 8 o'clock. The committee on claims will also meet and there will be a special meeting of the school board to take action on the death of Mr. Sturtevant whose loss is felt keenly not only in the school department but in all other departments at city hall. Mr. Sturtevant was a much loved man. He won love and esteem by his unselfishness and desire to help others. He was welcome wherever he went and the reporters are included in those who will miss his genial face and kindly smile. He was never too busy to give them an audience or to search out something that they wanted to know. His was a kindly nature and one whose word and handshake were sincere has gone to his reward.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

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NEW YORK STOCKS

Atchison	95¼
Am. Beet Sugar	19½
Am. Cotton Oil	40½
Am. Car Foundry	46⅝
Amalgamated	77⅞
Am. Sugar	127¼
Am. Smelt. and Ref. Co. A	80⅝
Am. Locomotive	54⅛
Anaconda	46½
Am. Ice Co.	22⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	107⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	50¼
Canadian Pacific	174½
Chesapeake & Ohio	56
Canadian & Gt. Western	11½
Colorado Fuel and Iron	37½
Distillers' Securities	35¼
Erie	32⅝
Erie 1st	47¼
Great Northern pfd	112¼
Louisville & Nashville	130¾
Illinois Central	143¾
Int. Steam Pump	32¾
Mexican Central	21⅞
Missouri, Kansas & T.	38¼
Missouri Pac	62¾
No. Pac	132⅞
New York Central	115½
New York Airbrake	88
National Lead	75¾
Norfolk	84
Ont. & Western	43⅞
Penn	128⅝
Pac. Mail	34¼
Pressed Steel Car	40½
Reading	137¼
Railway Steel Spring	41¾
Rock Island	22
Rock Island pfd	66¾
Southern Railway	24¼
Southern Railway pfd	57½
U. S. Steel	52
U. S. Steel pfd	118
Union Pac	176½
Utah Copper	43½
Southern Pac	116⅞
Tenn. Copper	44
U. S. Rubber	32
People's Gas	100
W. U. T.	65¼
Westinghouse	84½

BOSTON STOCKS

Am. Pneumatic	5½
Am. Pneumatic pfd	14¼
Am. T. and T	127
Bingham Mining	20½
Butte	26
Boston Com	15½
Coal	33½
Copper Range	57
Granby	105
Greene, Can	11¼
Isle Royale	23
La Salle	14¼
Mass. Electric	12
Mass Electric pfd	57⅛
Mass. Gas	56½
Mass Gas pfd	82½
Mass. Mining	6
Miami	13½
North Butte	80¾
Osceola	128
Old Dominion	56½
Parrott	27¾
Quincy	92
Trinity	13⅞
*United Fruit ex-rights	131
Utah	43½
Wolverine	94¾

*Ex-dividend.

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KING EDWARD

Closed Present Session of British Parliament Today

LONDON, Dec. 21.—King Edward put an end to the present session of the British parliament today. Only a small number of members was present to attend the brief prorogation ceremonies.

The king's speech referred to the recent visit of the American battleship fleet to Australian waters which, his majesty said, was "a source of gratification to myself and my government."

Referring to the conclusion of "several important agreements which by eliminating causes of contention must tend to the consolidation of peace" the kind says:

"Among these may be mentioned the treaties with the United States for general arbitration and for regulating certain questions between the United States and Canada and an agreement for the maintenance of the existing territorial status of the regions bordering on the North sea."

Referring to the events in the Balkans, calculated to disturb the provisions of the treaty of Berlin, the speech says:

"There is reason to hope that wise and conciliatory counsels will prevail and that an amicable settlement will be reached with the consent of the powers who are parties to this treaty."

Mention is made also of the decisions of the international naval conference in session in this city. With regard to the results of this conference his majesty says:

"It is hoped that they will command general assent."

ROARS OF LAUGHTER

Greeted the Jabs of Andrew Carnegie at Tariff Hearing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Andrew Carnegie, whose published views on the tariff question caused considerable comment, took the stand before the house and ways committee today. Mr. Carnegie was the first witness subpoenaed by the committee, but secured the postponement of the time for his appearance until today.

The crowded hearing room frequently rang with peals of laughter at the quips of Mr. Carnegie under examination, who seemed to be in splendid shape for the questions asked by Reps. Dalzell and Payne.

At one point Mr. Payne leaned over and whispered to Mr. Dalzell, who sat at his right.

"I wish the chairman would tell me what he said to Mr. Dalzell. I think I ought to know," Mr. Carnegie protested.

There was a roar of laughter throughout the room, but Mr. Payne made no reply. Leaning over with his hand to his ear and his head cocked to one side in imitation of the attitude assumed by Mr. Payne in whispering to Mr. Dalzell, Mr. Carnegie said:

"I should say that your words, 'The jig is up.'"

Mr. Carnegie was not willing to deal in figures.

"The more figures you get the more you will be befogled. I don't judge by figures given by interested parties," he said at another point in his testimony. "I judge by results."

GENERAL READE

Presents a Lantaka to the City

Brigadier General Philip Reade will, this evening, present to the city of Lowell a Lantaka, a piece of ordinance dating perhaps from A. D. 1201. The presentation will take place at the Memorial building at 7.45 o'clock and the public is cordially invited. Mayor Farnham will preside and Mr. Reade will give a brief account of his adventures in army life. He is a fluent and interesting speaker.

The following letter in reply to one written by Mayor Farnham, last June, was received by the mayor this morning:

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 19, 1908.

To His Honor, the Mayor, City of Lowell.

Dear Sir: Referring to your kind letter of June last, concerning the Lantaka, this:

For six generations past my ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were born on, lived on, died on and were buried on the banks of the Merrimack river. My mother, born Sept. 21, 1814, still retains her holdings on that river, and daily looks forth upon the waters where prior to 1827 she as a girl used to get her forebears catch shad and alewives. All of her long life has been passed upon the ground where she now lives, my present home, and although the waters of that stream are now less turning the wheels of industry, and some of its picturesqueness has been lost, she retains more than an abiding interest in the welfare of the city where she was born in old Dracut, now a part of Lowell.

I too was born in Lowell. My education was received in part in the Varnum grammar school, and later I helped to organize the Lowell High school cadets. My first drill was in a ward room of the city of Lowell. I have been in the United States army for the past 44 years. My initiation was in the Old Sixth Regiment, Lowell Mechanics and Phalanx in 1861. Although separated by more than two score years from my natal city, I have never entirely broken the links that bound me to it. The inspiring spectacle of the liberty statue and soldiers' monument opposite this building, combined with the relics in Memorial hall, and particularly the painting of Major General Benjamin F. Butler, induces me from motives of civic pride to present to the city this Lantaka, which piece of ordinance has a history dating perhaps from A. D. 1201.

Very sincerely yours,
Philip Reade,
Brigadier, United States Army, retired.

YOUNG LADIES' SODALITY

A largely attended meeting of the Young Ladies' sodality was held in St. John's church, North Chelmsford, last evening when the annual election of officers was held. The following officers were elected: Spiritual director, Rev. E. T. Schofield; prefect, Mary Tobin; first assistant, Mary Valentine; second assistant, Mary Garvey; secretary, Loreita Ward; treasurer, Bessie Larkin; monitor, Agnes O'Connell.

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6 O'CLOCK

REV. FR. McDERMOD

Of St. Peter's, Popular Priest, Preached Farewell Sermon

Rev. Hugh McDermod, for the past seven years a curate at St. Peter's church, severed his connection with the parish yesterday to take up a broader field at the Gate of Heaven church in South Boston, and by his departure St. Peter's church suffers a distinct loss, for Fr. McDermod during his mission in Lowell had impressed his personality for great good in the parish and while his change means an advancement for him personally, he will be greatly and genuinely missed by the people among whom he labored for the past seven years.

Fr. McDermod was a man of rare attainments, physically and intellectually, as well as spiritually. In his college days he was a noted athlete, and he had grown into a physical manhood such as is much admired among men. With a physical bearing that was in itself impressive, he possessed all the attributes of mind and soul that go to make the successful worker in the missionary field. He was eloquent and logical in the pulpit, kind and sympathetic among God's poor, and a careful and instructive confessor. It is said that during his curacy at St. Peter's Fr. McDermod was much sought after by persons seeking instruction in the Catholic faith and that he had instructed many converts to the faith.

Fr. McDermod goes to one of the most famous parishes in the archdiocese, the Gate of Heaven church at Fourth and I streets, South Boston, built up by the late Fr. Higgins and developed by the present pastor, Rev. Robert Johnson, P. R., a former Lowell man and a frequent visitor to this city. Until recently the Gate of Heaven parish was one of the largest in Boston and included all of South Boston beyond Dorchester street, that is, including all of the City Point district. A few years ago the parish having become exceptionally large the City Point district was given a chapel of its own known as St. Eulalia's, at which two masses were sung Sundays and holidays for the benefit of the people at "The Point" as it was popularly called, though marriages, funerals, etc., all took place at the mother church, the Gate of Heaven. Shortly after Archbishop O'Connell took charge of the affairs of the archdiocese the Gate of Heaven parish was divided, St. Eulalia's being made a separate parish with Fr. Mortimer Tunney of Concord, Mass., a noted pulpit orator, in charge and Rev. John Callahan of St. Patrick's parish, this city, as curate. The Gate of Heaven parish at present includes the old church on the east corner of Fourth and I streets in which the church proper is upstairs and in which mass is held while the basement is devoted to parochial school purposes while on the other corner is the new church which is one of the most beautiful in Boston. Just adjoining the new church is a frame built chapel in which masses were formerly said and which is now devoted to the purposes of the church societies, while at the corner of I and West Fifth streets is a large convent and school. The parish as will readily be seen is one of the best equipped for church property in Boston. The religious complexion of South Boston has changed greatly in past years but the Gate of Heaven parish, the upper part of South Boston, still retains the old Catholic parishes as the inroads of other nationalities has not affected that part of the peninsula, and some of Boston's most prominent Catholic families are still or were originally members of the Gate of Heaven parish.

Fr. McDermod's Farewell

Fr. McDermod spoke his farewell words at the 8 o'clock mass yesterday before a large congregation. After reading the gospel he laid down the book and amid a deep silence he quietly announced his departure. He was almost overcome with emotion as he spoke, while there were few dry eyes in the congregation and many sobbed aloud. He referred briefly to the pleasant relations that had existed between himself and the members of the parish. He paid an eloquent tribute to the pastor, Rev. Michael Ronan, and thanked the parishioners for the co-operation extended to him in his work. In conclusion, Fr. McDermod asked the prayers of the congregation for his success in his new field and gave them his blessing. He also sang the children's mass in the old church and bade them farewell in tender words. In the afternoon Fr. McDermod went to Malden to visit his mother, and today reported for duty at his new home in South Boston.

His successor has not been announced by the archbishop, but it is expected he will be here for Christmas.

SKETCH OF THE RAID AND ARRESTS AT THE COCKING MAIN AT LAKEVIEW YESTERDAY FORENOON

VEIN OF SILVER DISCOVERED

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 21.—A good vein of silver is reported to have been discovered at Musquodoboit. Traces of silver have frequently been found in that region and Miss Bessie Dunbrack of Musquodoboit employed a prospector to make a careful investigation. His report was so favorable that Miss Dunbrack took up 250 mining areas, and an effort will be made to work the vein.

Musquodoboit is in Halifax county east of Halifax. There is a gold mine a few miles distant.

BARON MAGRI

IS THE SMALLEST GRANDFATHER IN THE WORLD

MIDDLEBORO, Dec. 21.—Who is the smallest grandfather in the world? To this question Baron Magi, the midget who sunnmered in Middleboro, says: "I am."

Baron Ernesto Magri is 39 inches tall and weighs 60 pounds. He is 60 years old. He is a brother of Count Primo Magri, who married Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb. The baron is an excellent linguist. The baron says:

"It feels good to think such a small man as I am is a grandfather, but I have two grandchildren. I have two sons living. Iro, who is 31 years old and five feet and eight inches; Leo, aged 27, and over five feet high. He is now in Italy with his family and little daughter. The other child was a girl, Ila, who died at the age of 23. My granddaughters are both healthy and will be of the ordinary size. My wife is with my son, Leo, in Ravenna, Italy. My son owns the Cafe Roma there and is doing a good business.

WANTS NEW CABINET

LISBON, Dec. 21.—King Manuel has charged Dr. W. De S. Pereira de Lima, former minister of foreign affairs, to form a cabinet, the success of which, however, is doubtful. The old cabinet resigned December 17. Under the leadership of Senor Porto the Franceists are reorganizing to fight the relative parties.

THE DEPOSITORS

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Dec. 21.—The delay of the depositors of the First National bank here has tended to hold up the work of National Examiner Norwin S. Bean in his effort to accurately determine the extent of the shortage of Cashier Varney. Examiner Bean was assisted today by Arthur G. Whittemore of Dover, who has been called in to assist to straighten out the tangle.

Fire, Smoke, Water

A big sale is now going on at 750 Gorham street. Boots and Rubbers, of all grades at prices that are in reach of everybody. We will guarantee to save every customer more than 50 per cent. if they only call at this great fire sale. The sale will open Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

David Brounstein
PROPRIETOR

LARGER REVENUE

COMES AS A RESULT OF INHERITANCE LAW

Assessments amounting to $1,428,100 were levied by the assessors last Saturday. These assessments are on newly discovered and omitted property and comes under the inheritance tax act of 1907. It will benefit Lowell to the extent of $29,123.24. These are the actual figures as given out by the assessors this forenoon.

The inheritance tax act makes it possible for the state tax commissioner to pry into the affairs of estates all over the state, which means the bringing to light of property that has not heretofore been taxed.

MERRIMACK LODGE, I. O. B. A.

The regular meeting and election of officers of Merrimack lodge, No. 256, I. O. B. A., was held yesterday afternoon and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, M. Sydeman; vice president, Jacob A. Goldberg; secretary, N. Freidman; treasurer, I. Bernstein; trustees, Messrs. Hout, Goldman and Zieklind; outside guard, B. Goldberg.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a ball to be held in March.

CHESS PLAY

BETWEEN COLUMBIA, HARVARD, YALE AND PRINCETON

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The seventh annual intercollegiate chess tournament between four students each from the universities of Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton was scheduled to begin today at the West Side republican club.

Columbia was paired with Princeton and Harvard with Yale.

Each university furnished one delegate, E. Gluck of Columbia, F. B. Byerly of Harvard, J. R. Chandler of Yale and H. R. Gerder of Princeton. H. Blumberg, C. H. Ramsdell and G. F. Comstock completed the Columbia team; E. H. Gruening, K. S. Johnson and W. W. Pershley the Harvard team, E. R. Burgess, G. B. Burgess and C. F. Jefferson the Yale team and L. W. Stephens, J. W. Alexander and J. L. Tierman were the additional players for Princeton.

Today's schedule follows:

Columbia vs. Princeton: First board—Blumberg, C. vs. Stephens, P. Second board—Alexander, P. vs. Ramsdell, C. Third board—Comstock, C. vs. Tierman, P. Fourth board—Fenger, P. vs. Gluck, C. Harvard vs. Yale: Fifth board—Gruening, H. vs. E. R. Burgess, Y. Sixth board—G. B. Burgess, Y. vs. Johnson, H. Seventh board—Pershley vs. Jefferson, Y. Eight board—Chandler, Y. vs. Byerly, H.

THIRTY NINE FINED

Continued

Their names? The Sun would print the names but for the fact that many of the arrested ones gave fictitious names, using names of some of Lowell's prominent business men, and one sport had the audacity to give the name of a Sun reporter who was peacefully slumbering when the exciting scenes were taking place and hence little could be gained by publishing them while some innocent parties might be unjustly annoyed.

The cocking main was to have taken place about 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the old Mercier skating rink near the entrance of Willow Dale and on the car line, being located next to Nolin's Lakeside hotel. A more conspicuous place for such an affair could not have been selected and as one sport remarked: "It's a wonder they didn't hire Associate hall and advertise it in the papers." On Saturday night it was quite generally known in certain quarters that there was to be something doing in Dracut and when yesterday morning the sports began to assemble in Merrimack square about 8 o'clock a wise one could easily "smell a rat."

In addition to the Lowell sports, there were sports present from Nashua, Woburn, Winchester and Lynn. A car containing 40 Nashua sports arrived just after the police got there and the Nashua men returned to the upriver city without stopping to see the fun. Had the police waited half an hour they would have captured nearer 200 than 41 and among them would have taken a number of well known Lowell men.

But Officer Byrne accompanied by State Officers Keating, Hardiman, Eustace and Flynn arrived on the 9 o'clock train out of Boston where they were joined on the train by Deputy Sheriffs Stiles and Eveleth, Agent Richardson of the Humane society and Charles A. Merrill. It is understood that the arresting party was tipped off by a well known Dracut constable, but the man in question was not in the raid. The raiders, instead of leaving the train at Lowell, proceeded to the Tyngs Island station, where they alighted and proceeded across the bridge to the island. Here they found awaiting them a double sleigh and an automobile and in these they proceeded to Willow Dale.

In the Skating Rink

Meanwhile a pit had been erected in the rink and chairs set around it in readiness for the fun. There were seven cocks representing Nashua and seven representing Woburn, and there was money galore to bet. It was a motley gathering that assembled around the pit. Old "Nigger Tom," a veteran colored sport from Lynn, entertained his friends with stories of old-time mains in the good old days when the authorities were not so fussy and Woburn's "Old Sport," who has passed the prescribed three score years and ten, told the young fellows that the only real cock fights were held in the old country when he was a boy. The hour had arrived and one bird was already in the pit with his handler spurs in hand about to "heel" him. The handler of the rival bird had gone into an adjoining room with his feathered gladiator ready for the fray, and all was expectancy and suppressed excitement, when suddenly at the windows and door below was heard a mighty crash, followed by a general breaking of glass.

There was no mistaking the terrible sounds.

"The house is pinched," was heard in a hoarse voice.

"So are we," remarked a cool one.

Then the sports heard footsteps and in a moment saw Deputy Sheriff Stiles holding them up at the point of a huge revolver. State Officer Byrne addressed the crowd and informed them that they were all under arrest and that it would be useless for them to attempt to escape. All but a few were too down-hearted to think of trying to escape. One young man, however, let himself out of a second story window and when an officer threatened to shoot him, cried: "Go ahead and shoot," and dropped to the ground, disappearing into the woods nearby. Another man dived through a window, taking screen and all and he made away in an auto, but was afterward arrested in the police station where he had gone to bail a friend. In the excitement the man who had gone after the other bird kept going, as it were, for he never came back and neither did the bird and the police and the crowd are both wondering how he did it. Another amusing escape took place shortly afterward. When the crowd had been rounded up, one of the arresting party telephoned the police station for officers and a supply of handcuffs while the Boston & Northern was requested to send a special car to Willow Dale at once.

The arrested men were then placed in a side room and the door closed on them.

One Grand Escape

One of the bunch who disliked the idea of riding into Lowell like a young murderer, on a glorious Sabbath morning, began looking around for an opportunity to take French leave. He noticed that the door opened inwardly and he bethought him of one grand idea. He immediately stationed himself against the wall near the door and said nothing. Finally when the officers were ready to transport their "catch" the door was opened with the wise one behind. As the door went back so did the young man until he was up against the wall behind the door. The officer could see everyone else in the room but the man behind and he said: "Come on boys, walk out."

All walked out quickly except the man behind and when the officer saw the room empty he pulled the door to and upon closing it, locked it with the man behind taking long breaths to make up for the several that he lost while doing the wall paper act behind the door. Then the wise one attempted to make an exit by means of a window, but there was a screen on that window that defied all his efforts and he began to think that he would be obliged to remain in until next summer when the skating rink would reopen when his eye alighted upon a sort of trap door in the floor. The trap opened easily and in a moment the sport found himself under the building crawling along on his hands and knees over cinders, tomato cans, broken bottles and a variety of other things, more or less injurious to the hands. Finding an aperture in the foundation he crawled through and the next car took him to Lowell where he expressed the greatest surprise upon learning that there had been a raid in Dracut.

The Conquered Heroes Arrive

The news of the raid spread like wildfire and by noon Merrimack square was filled with a self constituted reception committee of several hundred friends who appeared to take the affair as a large lark for all were wreathed in smiles, not so much because of the joke on their friends as at

CHARLES E. BYRNES
Member of the State Police

the thought of how narrowly they had escaped a similar fate. To add to the gayety of the occasion the Boston & Northern sent out a yellow car to get the bunch, the first yellow car ever seen on the Lakeview avenue line. "They're in a yellow car" was the glad cry and everyone played the yellow.

About 12.20 a youth with good sight standing in Merrimack Square saw a yellow car turn the corner of Lakeview avenue and Bridge street. "Here they come" he cried gleefully and the cry was taken up by hundreds of voices while a grand rush for Prescott street was made. Hundreds of good people on their way home from church saw the rush and joined in and no hero ever received a more genially attended or more enthusiastic welcome home than did the dead game 41 as they piled off the car at the corner of Market and Central streets. As the crowd recognized friends whom they didn't suspect of being in the affair they set up a glad yell of recognition which was received by the arrested ones with mingled feelings.

Those whom the officers didn't know were handcuffed together and it looked like a scene in "The Galley Slave" to see the bunch proceeding along Market street, and in fact there was so much gun play on the part of some of the officers at the raid that one would think he was at a western melodrama.

"Look at the chain gang."

"You'll look fine breaking stones."

"I'll send you your Christmas dinner, old sport."

"Look at the dudes with the fancy cuffs on."

These were only a few of the kind expressions of sympathy that were handed to the bunch as they marched along.

Struck by a Snowslide

As a dramatic climax for the whole affair, just as the prisoners got inside the station and the crowd was still gathered about the door down came a tremendous snowslide from the roof of the building enveloping the entire bunch and breaking a dozen or more hats.

"Who moved that roof" asked one man as he knocked the stove out of his hat.

"Serves you right for making fun of the misfortune of others," remarked another.

Were Speedily Bailed

It was a regular gala day for the bail commissioners and, like the faithful scouts they are, both were Johnnies-on-the-spot. Several well known business men were on hand and the crowd was bailed as soon as it was booked, and none saw the inside of a cell. When the booking took place the crowd started to give everybody's name but their own, and the only man perhaps who gave his own name received an indignant call down for so doing.

Messenger John Pinder took the names, assisted by Keeper James A. McQuade. "What's your name?" asked Mr. Pinder of a man whom none of the police seemed to know.

"James McQuade," promptly replied the man.

"Cut that out!" indignantly exclaimed Keeper McQuade. "You give your right name."

"That's the only name I ever had," responded the defendant with a grin, and the keeper still thinks that the young man was "kidding" him.

Another man who gave a fictitious name was kindly reminded of his right name by Deputy Sheriff Stiles, but most of them got away with "nom-de-pits," as it were, in spite of Mr. Stiles, who of course could hardly be expected to identify all of them.

It was a great raid, and much credit is due to State Officer Byrne, who bossed it, while the man who thought he could run such an event in so conspicuous a manner and get away with it should pay a quiet visit to Dr. Benner.

There were more people packed in the police court this morning than at any session held in this city for years. Long before the time for the opening of court hundreds of people had congregated in Market street, all figuring how to get into the court room. Before 9.30, the regular attendants of the gallery, were "plastered" up against the Market street entrance leading to the gallery and as the minutes passed and the time for the opening of court approached, the crowd was swelled to a couple of hundred. A number of people who felt that it would be useless to attempt to try to battle with the gallery crowd, used the private entrance. About fifty were successful in passing the officer at the door, while the others were doomed to disappointment.

The cases against the men who attended the purposed cock fight were called about eleven o'clock. Guy O. Ham, appeared for the complainant and Messrs. Daniel J. Donahue, Robert J. Crowley and J. Joseph Hennessy of this city, appeared for the respondents.

Assistant Clerk Trull read the names of the defendants, 42 in number, and 40 responded with "present" or "here." Two were among the missing and the police are now on the lookout for Joseph Callahan and John Graham, though it is not a certainty that those are the correct names of the men wanted.

One of the amusing features of the case was the fact that many of the men gave fictitious names and when these names were called many of the defendants had to rack their brains trying to remember what name they gave when booked.

Lawyer Ham stated to the court that he had conferred with counsel for the defense and that he would suggest that if the men would plead guilty a fine of $15 being imposed in each case.

Forty names were then read out and they were asked to plead to complaints charging them with "being present where preparations were being made for an exhibition of fighting birds." With the exception of one man all pleaded guilty and fines of $15 were imposed. The case of the man who entered a plea of not guilty was continued till January 2.

Three men were then asked to plead to complaints charging them with "having birds in their possession with intent to conduct a fight"; they pleaded guilty and were fined $25, making their fines total up to $40 each.

The case of the man who it is alleged was the promoter of the purposed fight was then taken up. He pleaded not guilty to "unlawfully establishing and promoting an exhibition of fighting of certain birds."

Frederick P. Flynn, of the state police, was the first witness for the government and in answer to questions put by Mr. Ham testified in part as follows: "I went to the Lakeview Rollaway yesterday morning and after the door of the building had been broken in found the defendant inside the door. There were about forty people present and in the farther corner of the building was a ring.

He went on to describe the ring, but counsel for the government, in order to save time said that he would admit that there was a ring and game cocks in the building.

Continuing witness said: "The defendant said that he had hired the hall for political purposes. I asked if he did not know that there were fighting cocks in the building and he said nothing but walked away."

There were no questions asked.

Officer Eustis

Thomas F. Eustis, also of the state police, told of a conversation with the defendant this morning wherein the latter stated that he would stand for a small fine, but would not stand for a fine of $100 as it could not be shown that he was the promoter.

The government rested its case at this point and no defense was offered.

Mr. Ham then addressing the court said that the defendant had hired the hall and knew what it was to be used for and suggested that a very substantial fine should be imposed. He said that he was given to understand that the defendant was to enter a plea of guilty and pay a fine of $100, but inasmuch as he did not do that Mr. Ham said that the limit should be imposed. He stad that the maximum according to law was a fine and imprisonment, but owing to the fact that the man had never been convicted before he would be satisfied to have the defendant pay a heavy fine.

The prisoner was fined $100, appealed and was held under $400 for the superior court.

The thirteen birds which were to figure in the battle royal will occupy a cell in the police station for 14 days and then if not claimed will be killed.

CASTRO WANTS WARSHIPS

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Conjecture reports are circulating in the press here that President Castro is negotiating with German ship-yards for the construction of warships to repel such action as Holland is now making. It is further stated that Castro intends ordering artillery in Germany for the Venezuelan army.

The imperial ministry of marine flatly denies the report that a German squadron will proceed to American waters this spring. The German foreign office declares that no political subjects have been breached during Castro's visit here.

THREE WAITRESSES

SHY THIRTY-FIVE CENTS WHEN THEY GOT PAY

There was a combination lockout and strike at one of the local hotels last evening, it is reported. It seems that in the dining-room of this hotel there are three waitresses employed, who have held their positions for some time. Saturday afternoon, so the story goes, these waitresses were asked to scrub the floor of the dining-room. Now be it known that no first-class waitress, one who is eligible to membership in the united order, will condescend to scrub the floor, but as an accommodation these girls agreed to perform the service just this one time, and they did it on their own time at that. Report has it that yesterday afternoon the same request was made, and this time the girls stood by their oars and refused. Then came the threat of a lockout but the girls had plans of their own, and when the supper hour arrived, they put on their wraps and announced that they had separated themselves from their jobs. That looked pretty good on the proprietor, but when the three ex-waitresses applied for their week's wages, they got them, minus thirty-five cents. When they asked the reason for this great error they were informed that they had been paid for the time they worked. That was all, and now three clever waitresses are ready to accept positions elsewhere.

SCHOOL TEACHERS

WERE REMEMBERED BY REV. DENNIS A. SULLIVAN, O. M. I.

Rev. Dennis A. Sullivan, O. M. I., who has charge of the Immaculate Conception Sunday school, presented each teacher in the school a beautiful leather pocketbook at the close of the session yesterday afternoon. Each Christmas Fr. Sullivan remembers the teachers with gifts.

Miss Annie McCartin, one of the teachers in the Sunday school, presented each one of her pupils with a handsome pair of rosary beads.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS

HARTFORD, Dec. 21.—Announcement of additional aides de camp on his staff is made in general orders issued by Charles W. Newton of this city, commander-in-chief United Spanish War Veterans, as follows:

New York—William H. Johnson, Brooklyn; Nevada, D. L. Dickerson, Carson City, governor of the state; North Carolina, Stephen Smith, Asheville, Alaska; George Seyde, Honolulu.

It is announced that the per capita tax for the coming year will be 25 cents.

Christmas Suggestions

Only four days left to make your selections. We invite your inspection.

Toilet Waters and Perfumes in fancy bottles, $1.00 to $3.00.

Nail Sets, Manicure Implements, Military Brushes, $1.00 to $5.00.

Brush Brooms, Fancy Handles, 25c.

Thermo Bottles, pints and qts.

Safety Razors.

Hand Mirrors.

Sachet Powders, all odors.

Bath Brushes.

Turkish Towels.

Flasks.

Playing Cards.

Assorted Candy for Christmas Trees, 20c a lb.

Fancy Boxes and Baskets of Choice Candies: Fenway, Huylers, Quality, Apollo, Schrafft's, 25c to $5.00.

FREE—A few silver Bon Bon Dishes with a pound of Fenway Candy.

The finest line of Cigars and Cigarettes in the city. Boxes of 12, 25, 50, 100, from $1 to $15.

A nice line of Briar and Meerschaum Pipes, from 25c to $5.

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FR. McDERMOD

Remembered by the Burkes

Before a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Burke Temperance Institute, Sunday afternoon Rev. Hugh M. McDermod, spiritual director of the society, delivered his farewell address.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Frank A. Groves, who reviewed Fr. McDermod's work as spiritual director, and said that while the members deeply regretted his loss, still they were very much pleased to learn that he had been advanced by being called to the Gate of Heaven church in Boston.

Mr. James F. Miskella, on behalf of the members, then presented Fr. McDermod with a silk umbrella as a token of esteem and wished him the very best of success in his work in his new district.

Fr. McDermod, who is known throughout the city as an orator, then made an eloquent address in which he thanked the members for their expression of good will. He also pointed out the evils of intemperance and urged the members to keep up the good work in which they are now engaged. At the close of the address every member present renewed his temperance pledge and Fr. McDermod invoked a blessing on them all. Then the members filed in line and one by one they bade the reverend father farewell. It was truly a sad parting, one that will never be forgotten, for it showed the real true spirit that exists among the members.

CHILD MISSING

Police Search Woods for Little Boy

WALTHAM, Dec. 21.—Fearing that six-year-old George E. Gould has strayed into the woods near his home, police officers and a posse have made a search without obtaining the slightest trace of him.

The little fellow left his grandmother, Mrs. C. G. Gould, who is housekeeper for Osgood Weymouth, at 190 Weston street, Sunday noon to go coasting. He was sliding near the house with some of his playmates.

At dusk, when the little fellow failed to return, his grandmother went looking for him. His playmates had not seen him for some time and had no idea where he had gone. At length his sled was found in the back yard of his house.

With night coming on and every promise of frost, fears were felt that the boy would die if he remained all night. Mr. Osgood collected several neighbors and with lanterns searched the neighborhood. The police joined in the hunt, but no trace of the boy was found.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 8.94; Jan. 8.55; Feb. —; March 8.62; April —; May 8.68; June —; July 8.66; Aug. 8.55 bid; Sept. —; Oct. 8.49; Nov. 8.52.

RULER OF TIBET

Now is Short of Temporal Authority

PEKING, Dec. 21.—The Dalai Lama of Tibet left Peking today for Lhassa, his capital, and his departure marks the beginning of the end of his four years of wandering over northern China. The lama started out shortly after the arrival at Laassa of a British column under the command of Col. Younghusband; he felt that his holy city had been descerated by the presence of the Englishmen and at the head of a large retinue he started on wanderings that carried him over many thousands of miles of Manchuria and China, always greatly to the annoyance of the Chinese authorities for he was an unwelcome and expensive visitor. He came to Peking last September at the urgent request of the Chinese government which wanted him to return to his capital in order to make possible the carrying out of certain reforms.

The ruler of Tibet returns to Lhassa short of his temporal authority; in the future he will be regarded as a mere ecclesiastic, pledged to support whatever reforms China desires to carry out in his country. He will not be permitted to communicate with the throne except through the Chinese commissioner, the Amban, stationed at Lhassa.

There was a notable absence of ceremony in connection with his going. There were but two small honorary pavilions at the railroad station as compared to the many evidences of the desire of the government to honor him when he came to Peking.

The position of the Dalai Lama has been very much weakened by his coming to Peking where he had been received as a barbarian and humiliated accordingly. His religious practices have been a revelation of the debased nature of the famous "yellow sect" and the practices of the lama and his followers have invited the contempt of both Chinese and foreigners.

ART GOODS

DISPOSITION OF THEM TO BE DECIDED TODAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Disposition of the art goods and tapestry brought by Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne from London to Chicago, which ultimately were designed to decorate the Fenway palace in Boston of Mrs. Jack Gardner, which afterwards were seized by the customs authorities here, will be decided today in the United States district court.

Mrs. Gardner may put up a bond and certified check for the amount in which the wares are held, approximately $53,000, recover her treasures and allow the bond to be forfeited. Otherwise they will be sold at auction by court order.

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SAMOAN CHIEFS

PREPARING TO HOIST AN INDEPENDENT FLAG

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 21.—Certain chiefs of the native tribes in German Samoa are preparing to hoist an independent Samoan flag when the parliament of the islands reassembles and contemplate appealing to the United States and Great Britain to decide whether this action is justified. The chiefs consider that they lost both power and dignity when the old Samoan parliament was dispersed and maintain that when Germany took over the islands she became their protector and nothing more. Violence is not anticipated, but the chiefs will probably offer passive resistence to the German authorities.

Has your residence been burglarized? We pay. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

SUYDAM DEAD

HIS ALLEGED ASSAILANT IS ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker who was shot in his Broad street office last Saturday by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, died in the Hudson street hospital today. Lumsden is under arrest. The shooting which was witnessed by hundreds of brokers on the curb market directly in front of Suydam's office is said to have been a outgrowth of a dispute over payment for stock in a company which was organized to handle one of Lumsden's inventions.

Protect your property from "Breaking and Entering." Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

HARRY K. THAW

Cannot be Taken to Pittsburg to Testify Says Court

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White and now confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down by the court of appeals in this city. Whether the case will be taken to the United States supreme court is not known here.

The decision affirms the action of Judge Young of the United States court for the western district of Pennsylvania, sitting at Pittsburg, which quashed a writ of habeas corpus compelling Robert B. Lamb, superintendent of the Matteawan asylum, to turn Thaw over to a United States marshal for the prisoner's appearance at Pittsburg. The writ was allowed by Judge Archibald of the United States court for the middle district of Pennsylvania sitting at Scranton who was looking after the business in Judge Young's court while the latter was in Europe last summer.

TOTAL OF COTTON GINNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A total of 11,892,115 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 13, against 9,284,070 at the same date of last year and 27,269 active ginneries against 27,156 in 1907 were announced by the census bureau in its report today. The figures count round bales as half bales and exclude linters. The bales ginned to December 13 aggregated 11,112,789 in 1906 and 9,297,819 in 1905. The total 1907 crop was 11,057,822, of which 84 per cent. was ginned to December 13 crop of 1906, 12,983,201 of which 85.6 ginned to December 13 and crop of 1909 10,495,105 or 88.6 per cent. by December 13.

The report includes 215,029 round bales for 1908; 167,204 for 1907, and 243,096 for 1906. Several island bales included aggregate 89,108.

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Hundreds of Beautiful Sets in Lynx, Fox, Mink, Wolf, Jap Mink and Opossum, Rug and Pillow Muffs, Throw and Shawl Scarfs. Every purchase represents double value, because of our great reductions.

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SQUIRREL SETS $8.75

Misses' and Children's Sets

THIBET ..... $2.98 OPOSSUM..... $3.98
200 Sets to choose from.

25 Saleladies selling Furs. As many men as women customers.

SUIT REDUCTIONS
$9.75, $12.75 and $15.00 Suits that sold to $25.00.

COAT REDUCTIONS
$5.00, $7.95 and $12.00 Coats that sold to $20.00.

New York Cloak and Suit Co.
12-18 John Street
Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Word Contest

Here is a chance to have lots of fun for the young and old people, and at the same time stand a chance to get a beautiful picture.

We will give for a New Year's present a beautiful large sized picture, framed, of "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" to the person sending the largest number of words made from Maker's Picture Store.

CONDITIONS—The words to be numbered in alphabetical order—neatness and legibility—no proper names or plurals—no word that contains the letters more times than they occur in the three words.

Maker's Picture Store

The second prize is a beautiful hand colored photographs of the surf of Portland, Maine, and is a gift for this contest from Mr. Thompson, of the Thompson Art Co. We are its sole agents in this city for its beautiful photographs. There are also ten other prizes of framed pictures which are on exhibition in one of our windows.

Remember we have the largest store and the largest assortment of framed and unframed pictures and over 700 samples of mouldings and frames to select from. We carry in stock the finest veneers and gold-leaf mouldings and frames down to the cheapest that can be bought, and in pictures we can show you imported photographs, photogravures, plain and hand colored, high grade water colors, carbons, engravings, etchings and lithographs.

Bring your orders for Christmas work as early as possible. A beautiful picture makes a most acceptable gift. We also have some choice vases, fern bowls and candle stick holders in the Arts and Crafts pottery made by the Hampshire Pottery Co. Ask to see it. Mr. Maker is here for the holidays and will be glad to welcome old friends and customers.

The contest will close Dec. 27.

Maker's Art and Music Store
16-20-22-24 Shattuck Street

BUY THE BOY OR GIRL A
CAMERA
for Xmas, Prices
$2 to $5

There is nothing that will please the children more.

A child can operate one.

It will take but a few minutes of your time to step into our store and ask our camera man to show you a complete line of cameras from

$2 to $5

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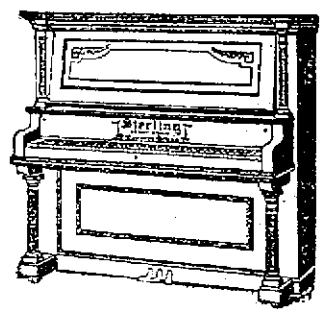

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They are designed and made in our own work-rooms, and will appeal to those interested in fashion's latest demands.

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Many useful gifts here for Christmas in Men's and Boys' Furnishings; a large assortment to choose from at right prices.

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS
Heavy and medium weight, in worsted and wool, plain colors or with fancy borders,
$2 up to $5

MEN'S SUSPENDERS
In silk, lisle and heavy cotton webs, all new and choice, put up one pair in a box,
25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50 $2

NECKWEAR.
The largest display ever shown by us, in the richest silks and stylish patterns. The large flowing end scarf is the most popular, but we have all the new shapes—we box any tie desired,
25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00

HOSIERY
Silk Hose in black.....$1 pair
Lisle Hose in all colors,
50c pair
Fancy Cotton Hose and plain colors ..... 25c pair

MEN'S UMBRELLAS
Our line is large and the assortment of handles will please you. All kinds of cloth covers, at all prices....$1.00 to $5.00

GLOVES.
All the best kinds for men and boys.
Wool Gloves and Mittens ..... 25c to 75c
Heavy Lined Work Gloves .....25c to $1.50
Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, domestic and imported.
50c to $2.00
Fur Gloves; also Reindeer, Squirrel lined, at.....$5.00
Lamb Lined Cape Gloves $2.50

MEN'S FANCY ARM BANDS
One pair in a box, new designs and buckles.
25c, 50c, 75c

COMBINATION BOXES
Suspenders, Arm Bands and Garters, in a handsome box,
50c and $1.00

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS, for Men.
The Best Belfast Linen, in plain and hemstitched.....25c, 50c
Lawn Initial Handkerchiefs 12½c
Linen Initial and Silk 25c, 50c
Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs 15c, 25c, 50c
Men's White and Black Silk Mufflers, largest size and rich patterns ..... 50c to $3.00

BATH ROBES.
Many patterns to choose from. All new styles, well made, full size in all grades,
$3.50, $5.00, $7.00

MEN'S PAJAMAS.
Madras, cheviot and outing flannel, in a variety of patterns..... $1.00, $1.50, $2.00

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS.
Boys' Fur Band Caps ..... $1 to $2
Men's All Fur Caps $3.00
Men's Genuine Seal Caps.....$5.00
Ladies' Genuine Seal Caps $4.50

Today is the last day you can guess on the Big Double Runner.

TALBOT CLOTHING CO.
"The Store That's Light As Day"
AMERICAN HOUSE BLOCK CENTRAL ST.

WILLIAM DOOLEY

Delivered Address Before the Mathews

The members of the Mathew Temperance Institute and their friends enjoyed a rare treat yesterday afternoon, when they listened to an interesting lecture on "The Advantages of an Industrial School" delivered by Principal William Dooley of the Lawrence Industrial school.

The lecture was held at the Mathews hall in Dutton street, it being the first lecture and entertainment of the season held under the auspices of the entertainment committee.

During the course of his lecture Mr. Dooley spoke of the advantages of the training given a young man by the methods in vogue in such schools. Having been sent by the government to study the industrial schools of Europe, Mr. Dooley was able to speak interestingly of the different schools in Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Ireland, comparing their schools with those in this country. A musical program followed. The series of last winter proved very successful and this season's series bids fair to excel it in every respect.

"The burglar helps himself. We help you." Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

MR. EMERSON HOME

Mr. James Emerson, formerly assistant treasurer of the Opera House, now manager of the Bennett-Moulton stock company, is home for a few days, incident to opening up an engagement in Norwich, Conn., on Christmas day.

7-20-4
J. R. G. SULLIVAN'S
10c CIGAR
Packed in boxes of 25. The attention of Ladies is called to above as a holiday gift to a gentleman. All first-class dealers.

IN POLICE COURT

Bernstein Shouted His Wares too Lustily

In police court today David Bernstein, who conducts a second hand clothing store in Middlesex street, near the corner of South street, pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with being drunk. It seems that Bernstein had a sale at his store and as he was not doing the rushing business he expected he went out on the street and started to advertise his sale by shouting his wares in a loud voice. Several of the people in the vicinity entered a complaint at the police station, and Patrolman Horace Clements went to the scene.

The arresting officer testified that he called at Bernstein's store about 5 o'clock Friday afternoon and found Bernstein under the influence of liquor and acting in a disorderly manner, walking up and down the street shouting "shoes, shoes." He cautioned Bernstein to stop shouting and keep in the shop or he would have to place him under arrest.

The officer went away, but came back a little later and found Bernstein going through the crazy antics which he had been indulging in a short time before. The arrest was then made.

James E. O'Donnell, counsel for Bernstein, asked that the defendant be discharged, inasmuch as there was no case against him, that the only charge that could be substantiated would be that of disturbing the peace or using profane language. The court, however, was not convinced that the man was not drunk, and ordered the defense to be presented.

Bernstein, when placed on the stand, testified that he was not drunk on Friday as he had had but one drink of whiskey during the day. He said he was conducting a sale and was shouting his wares, but he was neither drunk nor raising a disturbance. Several witnesses testified that Bernstein was not drunk, but the court found him guilty and imposed a fine of $2.

Fined $20 For Larceny

Robert E. Martin pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him wth the larceny of 1200 pounds of iron, the property of the Insulated Wire Company of Ayer City, on November 23rd.

Marshal F. Smith, foreman at the Insulated Wire Co., testified that after the recent fire at the works there was a large quantity of iron that remained in the burned portion of the building and that 1200 pounds had been taken away.

Martin acknowledged that he had taken the iron, but told the court that he had been informed that the material was no good and that anyone who wanted it could take it away for the carting.

He was fined $25 to be paid in three days or spend the next three months in jail.

Albert Hadley pleaded guilty to complaints charging him with assault and battery on Edith C. Burnham and Madeline Stirk. He was fined $10 on each complaint.

Sunday Drunks

James Glover, James F. McCarthy and Mary Cormier, Sunday drunks, were each assessed $5.

Patrick Murray and George B. Kennedy, second offenders, were each fined $6.

George Stephenson, a third offender, will spend the next four months at the state farm at Bridgewater.

Michael Laroux, a young man with a wife and family dependent upon him, was charged with drunkenness. The court decided that there was a chance for the young man to improve and gave him a suspended sentence of two months in jail and placed him in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

One first offender was fined $2 and eight simple drunks were released without appearing in court.

Do you carry burglar insurance? If not, why not? Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

NAVAL OFFICER

PLANS TO FIGHT FOG BY WIRELESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Lieut. Lair, a French naval officer, has invented a system of directing vessels into port through a thick fog by means of wireless telegraphy from Herzian stations established at dangerous points along the coast. The inventor is confident of his ability by means of the wireless reports to bring a vessel into the roadstead of Brest through a thick fog from a distance of 25 miles.

If the experiments are successful it is said that the present system of submarine bells could be replaced. The operator would be shut in a basin without any view of the exterior. As soon as the Herzian post came into contact with the apparatus fixed in the cabin, he would be able to issue orders to the helmsman and thus pilot the ship safely through the fog into the harbor.

The authorization of the French government is now awaiting for the erection of a station on the Isle of Ushant to enable the experiments to begin.

We pay for what the thieves take. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

John P. N. Logan, 20, machinist, 61 Claire street, and Lillian R. Wallace, 18, clerk, same address.

Albert A. Greene, 25, conductor street railway, 19 Ash street, and Susan Rors, 27, at home, 44 Hampson street, Dracut, Mass.

Thomas Goudreau, 22, waiter, 40 Race street, and Laurina Lareau, 19, hosiery, same address.

Joseph S. Cusminko, 19, operative, 394 Central street, and Maria Martins, 19, operative, 128 Charles street.

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HELD FOR LARCENY

Young Woman Pleaded Guilty in Court

ARRESTED ON TRAIN LEAVING LOWELL

Stole Dresses From Woman Where She Stopped—Charged Also With Stealing Money—Held For Trial

Lillian Merrill, aged 24 years and an attractive young woman, was arrested by Inspector Walsh on a Boston bound train Saturday night and taken to the police station where she was booked for larceny, complaint having been made that she stole several articles of clothing belonging to Mrs. Emery F. Ruiter who conducts a boarding house at 401 Bridge street.

Miss Merrill was employed as a table girl at Mrs. Ruiter's house and Saturday night soon after the former left the house it was discovered that a suit which had been recently purchased as well as a silk waist and hat were missing. Mrs. Ruiter notified the police and Inspector Walsh was detailed to make a search for the Merrill girl.

Suspecting that the girl might take the first train leaving Lowell, Inspector Walsh went to the Middlesex street station. A train bound for Boston was pulling out just as the inspector arrived at the station but by clever sprinting he managed to catch the last car of the train. A search of the train resulted in the girl being located in one of the cars. The inspector revealed his identity and told the girl to alight at the Bleachery station, which she did. She was then escorted to the police station where she confessed to the theft.

In police court this morning Miss Merrill was charged in the first complaint with the larceny of a coat valued at $15, a skirt valued at $10, a waist valued at $5 and $0.17 in money, the property of Miss Maud Ruiter and in the second complaint with the larceny of $3 in money, the property of Mrs. Emery F. Ruiter.

She pleaded guilty to both complaints and upon request of the government the case was continued till tomorrow morning, bail being placed at $400.

FUNERALS

DELAGE—The funeral of Moise Delage took place yesterday afternoon from his home, 678 Lakeview avenue. The bearers were Philippe Fortier, Alfred Justras, Charles Bedard and Isidore Desjardins. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, with Undertaker Joseph Albert in charge.

COFFIN—The funeral of Edwin A. Coffin took place yesterday noon upon the arrival of the body from Boston. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of the J. B. Currier Co. Rev. Charles T. Billings officiated at the grave.

RYAN—The funeral of Michael Ryan took place yesterday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock from the funeral parlors of John J. O'Connell. Funeral services were held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Burns officiated. The bearers were Thomas O'Connor, Homer Taplin, John Glynn, Patrick Joyce, John Moriarty and Owen Queenan. Burial was in the facmily lot in the Catholic cemetery. John J. O'Connor had charge of the arrangements.

REED—The funeral of Ethel Reed took place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of the parents, 84 Boisvert street. Among the many beautiful floral offerings were: Large pillow inscribed "Our Pet," the family; sprays, Miss Etta Fox, Edward and Margaret Callahan, Miss Susie Keene, Miss Mary McCarthy, Miss Elizabeth Hurley, Miss Mamie Burns, Miss Rosella Conley, James Forsythe and Thomas McDermott; large star on base, inscribed "Ethel," Miss Katherine Dowd. Burial was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of James W. McKenna.

WILDER—The funeral of Ruth Lucille Wilder, the little daughter of Wesley M. and Bertha Ripley Wilder, who died suddenly of diphtheria, Saturday morning, at the age of five years, four months, and 27 days, took place Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of the parents, 6 Coral street. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of William H. Sawyers of the Horace Ela Co. Rev. J. F. West, pastor of the Highland M. E. church, officiated.

FULLER—The funeral of Mrs. Delia Fuller took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. Services were held at the chapel at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. John J. McHugh of St. Patrick's church officiating. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery, in charge of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

WILKINS—The funeral of Francis T. Wilkins took place Saturday afternoon. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery, under the direction of George W. Healey. Rev. E. R. Smith of Concord, N. H., formerly pastor of the Pawtucket Congregational church, officiated.

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Suitable for men, women and children of all ages. Gifts priced to suit all purses, too. Make out a list of persons to whom you wish to give, and come down and look us over. You will not be long in finding

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Prices to Please You Too

SHOP AS EARLY IN THE DAY AS YOU CAN

And You Will Find It More Comfortable For All Concerned

We Have Scores of Extra Salespeople

And Extra Delivery Teams also, but we must ask you to favor us all you can by taking small parcels with you. Don't forget the Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Neckwear, Hosiery, Books, Shirt Waists, Furs, Bath Robes, Kimonas, Aprons, Toilet Articles, Jewelry, Slippers, Ruchings, Perfumes, Umbrellas, Pipes, Leather Goods, China and Toys.

LARGE and MECHANICAL TOYS are on 2nd floor, and SMALL TOYS and DOLLS are in Basement.

Santa Claus Receptions are Over

For this year. He is now very busy getting his packs ready for the night before Christmas. He asked us to thank all of the children for the grand reception given him. He talked with thousands.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Everybody is invited to attend the Christmas sale of oriental goods at Ellingwood's drug store, where can be seen thousands of useful and ornamental articles, such as Mosaic pins, cuff links, stick pins, brooches and beauty pins and almost an endless number of other articles of jewelry. Remember that you can save from twenty-five to fifty per cent. on all goods you buy here. Call today and select from our extensive stock, for if you wait too long you won't have such a variety of goods to select from.

A. J. HOUSTON

Ellingwood's Drug Store

WASHING, IRONING or CLEANING wanted by the day or hour. Inquire 31 Paige st.

GOLD WATCH WITH FOB lost between Runel's bldg. and Putnam's cafe. Monogram G. L. B. Finder notify Box 51, Chelmsford, Mass. Reward.

SOME NICE HAND PAINTED MIRRORS for sale, priced from $10 to $16, at John McMenamin's, 212 Merrimack street.

POCKETBOOK found containing money. Owner can have by proving property and paying for this ad. at Miley Kelman's, 214 Merrimack st.

GIRL WANTED to do general housework. Apply 111 Westford st.

NOT WHOLLY ORNAMENTAL

The beautiful baskets and boxes of candy that we offer as suitable for Christmas gifts have their uses when empty. Most of the baskets are lined with quilted satin and so arranged that they make handy work baskets. The boxes are made of durable material, and serve as handkerchief, glove, jewel and knick-knack receptacles. They are packed with absolutely fresh goods, they having been shipped to us on the 10th of this month, some of them later. Only well known standard brands of candy are used. Boxes from 25c to $5. Baskets from 75c to $8.50. Howard, the druggist, 197 Central street.

If you find a price lower than ours the quality you'll also find lower.

Miley-Kelman Co

RELIABILITY

214 MERRIMACK STREET

No Job Lots, nor alluring prices to bewilder you here. Of course you see the point.

Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Last Call!

UNIQUE PLAN TO INCREASE DECEMBER BUSINESS

Struck us like lightning as most good things do, and we consider it a novel and money saving device for you, as well as a business winner for us. Best of all the benefits are mutual and equal to both—our gain will be increased sales and your gain will be PRICE REDUCTIONS on staple Christmas merchandise—useful and practical gifts, made possible only by the volume of our business.

FIRST We want to double our December business over a year ago. It can easily be done, and with your co-operation we are going to do it. That's the confidence we have in you, and our own ability when we set out to do things.

SECOND Our purpose can only be accomplished by uncommon effort. Price Reductions on eight items as specified below will be the chief trading incentive to those who do not know us as regular customers do This, of course, is open to all, but our regular customers come anyway.

THE PLAN To emphasize and impress upon your mind our leadership in the specialties we carry we will, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 16, and ending Thursday, Dec. 24th, both inclusive, eight days in all, commence a December bargain campaign never witnessed nor offered before on the same basis to Christmas shoppers. The number of days as specified above conforms exactly in quantity to the number of departments that make up our specialty lines. They are known to us as Departments

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H,

But they are better known to you as

Gloves, Hosiery, Waists, Veilings, Neckwear, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Corsets and Garters

"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS"

The first four days' success of our Christmas Eight Day Bargain Event far exceeded our wildest dreams, and we desire to thank all who so loyally responded to the December profit-sharing plan—all our own and strictly original with us.

THE GOAL is only half reached, but the plan already is a demonstrated success. Those who participated in last week's values know what to expect Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21, 22, 23 and 24. There will be no disappointments, such as "all sold out"; we will stand by our agreement and fill every order, big or little, at the prices advertised regardless of profit or loss.

CUT THIS OUT—"LEST YOU FORGET"

Dept. "E" or Neckwear, Monday, Dec. 21st

Two items in this department is your good fortune Monday. Item No. 1—Crepe de Chine Silk Scarfs, plain colors and fancy combinations, all with hemstitched ends and are the best dollar value in the market.

Item No. 2—Chiffon, lace trimmed Jabots with stocks in white and colors. Regular price one dollar, but Monday's special price for both items is just half regular value ..... 50c Each In Fancy Christmas Boxes

Dept. "F" or Belts, Tuesday, Dec. 22nd

What is more appropriate than Belts for a practical and useful gift, especially at a saving of 25 cents on dollar goods. You may choose from our entire line of dollar Belts Tuesday, Dec. 22d, at only ..... 75c Each In Fancy Christmas Boxes

Dept. "G" or Handkerchiefs, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd

Daintiest of all are those beautiful twenty-five cent cross-bar embroidered linen, hemstitched, dimity effect Handkerchiefs, also embroidered all over, hemstitched linens, including all our beautifully designed Shamrock Lawns in cross-barred, embroidered, hemstitched, 25c qualities. For daintiness and value they cannot be beaten at the full regular price of 25c, but you may choose in the fulfillment of our agreement (Wednesday, Dec. 23d only) instead of $1.50, at ..... $1.00 Per Box of Six In Fancy Christmas Boxes

Single Handkerchiefs or quantities less than six, full regular price of 25c will be charged.

Dept. "H" or Corsets and Garters, Thursday, Dec. 24th

Corsets are not generally in demand for Holiday Gifts, so all our forceful values for this department will be concentrated on the Garter question. Our entire line of Garters will be offered Thursday, Dec. 24th, only, at ..... 75c Pair In Fancy Christmas Boxes

REMEMBER We are specialists, and as such we would fail in our mission if our stock did not comprise the kinds you cannot find elsewhere.

ABOVE ALL—Remember that Quality and Reliability is the mightiest factor contributing to our success, and that Honesty of Purpose is the bed rock foundation of this business.

Gloves—Kid
For Men, Women, Boys, Girls and Infants.
$1 to $6 Pair

Stockings
All sizes; all kinds; all colors.
25c up to $2.50

Waists
New styles; new materials; new low prices.
95c up to $15

Veils and Veilings
Everything new; everything dainty; everything reliable.
25c to $2.95

Neckwear
Every possible design, color combination or self; also Theatre Silk Scarfs, rich, beautiful patterns.
25c to $4.00

Belts
Everybody who's seen our stock frankly admits their superiority over all others. They range from
25c up to $2.50
See those $1.00 Belts for 50c.

Garters
Beautiful plain colors and color combinations or floral designs—something good, appreciative and acceptable as a gift.
25c, 50c, 75c, $1 and up

Handkerchiefs
Try our stock if looking for the dainty kinds—compare prices with others, then you can better decide Linens, Lawns, Shamrock Lawns—every possible pattern that should appeal to good taste.

Men's Linen Initial or Plain Hemstitched	12½c, 25c
Women's Plain or Initial Hemstitched, Pure Linen	12½c, 25c
Children's Handkerchiefs, in pretty boxes	15c, 25c
Embroidered Lawns and Linens	12½c, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00

MISSIONARIES FROM TEXAS

Rev. Frs. Bugnard and Piat, O. M. I., missionaries from Texas, are the guests at St. Joseph's rectory for a few days. They are on their way home from France, their native land, where they were visiting their families. Rev. Fr. Bugnard is stationed at Brownsville and Rev. Fr. Piat at San Antonio.

We pay for what the thieves take. Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

HOME FROM COLLEGE

Messrs. Patrick J. Reynolds, Cornelius O'Neil, Leo Molloy, Joseph Pyne, Leo King, Roderic Quirloch, Joseph O'Connell and Thomas R. Ginty of Holy Cross college, Worcester, are home for the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE

The Emmett Club will elect officers on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock.

CREW RESCUED

Men of M. B. Stetson Reached Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Without money and suffering from the effects of their experience on the wrecked vessel, five members of the crew of the Bucksport schooner M. B. Stetson reached Boston yesterday on the steamer Boston from Yarmouth. The men are Juan Miguel, August dos Rios, Antonio Andre, Manuel Marra and Francisco Pereira. Their vessel was left dismasted and waterlogged off the Newfoundland coast and the rescue of the man was the result of the Gloucester schooner Patrician being driven far out of her course.

The Stetson was hemmed in the ice fields off the Newfoundland coast and the men suffered from cold and exposure while fighting to keep their vessel afloat.

They were in despair when the Gloucester schooner Patrician, Capt. Wesley Farmer, hove in sight. The Stetson was then drifting helplessly, with her flag at half-mast. The Patrician was well up on the west coast of Newfoundland and was running on dead reckoning. She had lost her log off Cape Ray, and as a fearful gale was blowing and the vessel was on a rugged coast, Capt. Farmer determined to stand well by what he believed was the bay of Islands. It was because the Patrician happened to be so far out of her course that the lives of those on the Stetson were saved.

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OFFICERS CHOSEN

BY CATHOLIC FEDERATION OF ARCHDIOCESE

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The executive committee of the five county branches of the American federation of Catholic societies met in the conference room of the cathedral of the Holy Cross yesterday afternoon and formally launched the archdiocesan body of that society. A constitution, which in many respects embodies the more important articles of the constitution of the national society, was ratified.

Rev. Dr. P. J. Supple, the Suffolk county spiritual director, as well as clergymen from other counties, was present at the meeting, which was attended by about 50 members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Henry Wessling of Boston pres.; Tim. W. H. Haley of Cambridge, James J. Lemmon of Lynn, Miss Ella L. Donovan of Abington, James J. Burke of Quincy and Thomas McLaughlin of this city, vice presidents; Chas. D. Daly of Medford, secretary; Edwin Mulready of Rockland, treasurer; Miss Katherine A. O'K. O'Mahoney of Lawrence, librarian; Patrick Ford of Lawrence, marshal; John Driscoll of Lynn, James H. Carney of this city, Miss Mary L. Logue of Woburn, John McGrath of Sharon and Miss Mary A. Spence of Rockland, auditors.

The constitution provides for semi-annual conventions and the five counties are entitled to 17 delegates, which include the county president, two vice presidents, two secretaries and 12 members-at-large. An ecclesiastical committee of five members, of which Archbishop O'Connell is a member, is also provided.

Nearly a dozen committees which are to carry on the work of the society were named.

CARDINAL LECOT

THE ARCHBISHOP OF BORDEAUX IS DEAD

CHAMBERY, France, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Victor Lucian Sulpice Lecot, archbishop of Bordeaux, died at a hotel here yesterday from hemorrhages of the brain, while returning from a visit to Rome. Cardinal Lecot was the leader of the movement among a group of French ecclesiastics to find a basis of settlement in the difference which has arisen between the government and the church. He was the exponent of liberalism in the college of cardinals and went to Rome to submit to the pope a plan for the amelioration of the material condition of the French clergy.

Cardinal Lecot was born at Montescourt on Jan. 8, 1831. He was appointed bishop of Dijon in 1886 and archbishop of Bordeaux in 1890. He was created and proclaimed cardinal on Jan. 16, 1893. Cardinal Lecot was one of the most prominent figures in the crisis attending the question of the separation of the church and state in France.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

MAN WAS RUSHING TO SAVE DOG

WALTHAM, Dec. 21.—Rushing in front of an express train to save the life of his dog, Wm. C. Downing of this city was struck by an easthound train near the Linden street bridge early yesterday and died of his injuries later in the Waltham hospital.

For many years Mr. Downing had been chief engineer at the cotton mills of the Boston Manufacturing Co. in this city. He was 41 years old and leaves a widow.

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Buildings at St. Albans Gutted

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 21.—This city experienced its 2d disastrous Sunday fire in less than 13 years yesterday morning, when a loss of $75,000 was incurred. The St. Albans Messenger company's plant was totally destroyed each time. Their loss today was $45,000, fully covered by insurance.

At a meeting of the directors of the Messenger company yesterday it was decided to rebuild at once, and an effort will be made to have the plant in operation in 90 days. The Daily Messenger will be issued meantime from the office of the Burlington Free Press.

The cause of the fire yesterday is unknown, but defective insulation on electric wires is blamed. It was discovered at 6.30 in the morning by Col. C. S. Forbes, who had offices in the building and stopped there to wait for an early train.

DAY NURSERY

TO BE BUILT IN MEMORY OF BISHOP STANG

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—The receipt of a check for $1000 from H. C. D. Borden of New York, owner of the Fall River Iron Works mills, to be used towards the construction of the Bishop Stang Day Nursery, was announced at St. Mary's cathedral yesterday by Rev. James E. Cassidy. The proposal to build the nursery in memory of Bishop William Stang was made public only a week ago, and Father Cassidy said that the check from Mr. Borden was the first gift received. He also received a check for $500 from a Boston man whose name is withheld.

WEBBER DEAD

A FORMER CAPTAIN IN BOSTON FIRE DEPT.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Ex-Capt. Chas. H. Webber of the Boston fire department, died suddenly at his home, 387 Dudley street, Roxbury, last evening. Death is supposed to have been due to heart trouble.

Ex-Capt. Webber had been apparently in good health and yesterday spent the day as usual. During the afternoon he called at engine company 12 on Dudley street, a short distance from his home. He had finished his supper and had gone into the bathroom of his home when he was taken suddenly ill and died.

FIVE KILLED

IN 12 DAY HUNTING SEASON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—Five killed and a dozen more seriously wounded is the toll of New Hampshire's hunting season which closed last week. The 12 days of the deer hunting in the seven southern counties—the attorney general ruling the law was not "off" on the 1st and 15th of December, as the word "inclusive" was omitted—and one closed Sunday intervening, were reported as decidedly successful, more hunters being in the field and more deer being bagged than in 1907, when the law was taken off for the first time in many years.

Protect your property from "Breaking and Entering." Fred C. Church, Insurance, Central Block.

BIG FIRE

THE DAMAGE IS PLACED AT $25,000

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Nine automobiles were destroyed by a fire which started shortly after 8 yesterday morning in the garage of Harry Gavel, 1944 and 1947 Beacon street, Brighton district, and spread to the adjoining stores of H. A. Peters, a shoemaker; Hunter's market, Grace Bros., upholsterers, and Arthur C. Morey, druggist. The total damage is estimated at $25,000.

FELL OVERBOARD

CLERGYMAN DROWNED FROM THE STEAMER ARABIC

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 21.—When the steamer Arabic arrived here yesterday from New York, the officers reported that one of the passengers, who was registered under the name of Father Kelley of Paterson, N. J., was drowned during the voyage. He fell overboard at 3 o'clock Thursday morning.

MAN HANGED

HE KILLED WIFE AND GRANDDAUGHTER

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Dec. 21.—John Zet, who killed his wife and five-year-old granddaughter, Viola Kloizer, at their home in Rockville, Aug. 4th, was hanged at the state prison here early yesterday morning. Angered at his wife's refusal to give him money, he crushed her skull and that of his granddaughter with a hammer and also cut the latter's throat.

MAN WAS DROWNED

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—The body of Louis Roy, a quarryman, 50 years old, was found in Watuppa pond yesterday afternoon. Death was evidently due to drowning, but there was a bruise over the right eye which has led the police to make a further investigation before deciding whether or not it was a case of suicide. Roy's watch and money were found in his clothing. He had been missing since Friday night.

105 YEARS OLD

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 21.—William Ives, 105 years old, died at his home in Fredonia yesterday after a brief illness. He was born in Greenwich, England, and came to the United States when a young man. He voted in sixteen presidential elections. He was a vegetarian and never required the services of a doctor until within the last few months. He retained full possession of all his faculties to the end.

EX-CONGRESSMAN LOUD DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Ex-Congressman Eugene F. Loud died Saturday night here at the home of his son-in-law, Capt. J. J. Callundine. For several months past he had been in poor health. His condition was aggravated by the death of his daughter five months ago, and the loss of his wife, who died Dec. 6. Mr. Loud served 12 years in congress from the 5th district.

Lowell, Monday, December 21, 1908.

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Saturday's business was one of the largest in our history, and only a stock as complete as ours could have withstood the tremendous inroads that were made by the gift-buyers who crowded the store all day. We'll be all fixed up again for you today. Open Evenings Until Christmas.

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THE BOOK STORE is the mecca of all book lovers in this vicinity, and every mail brings us orders from "out-of-towners." We can serve you with all the newest fiction. Children's Books by the hundreds, and THESE exquisitely illustrated Gift Books.

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The Henry Hutt Picture Book, (boxed) $3.00
Bachelor Belles, by Harrison Fisher, (boxed).....$3.00
The Book of Sweethearts.....$2.00
London, Historic and Social, 2 vols. (boxed) $3.75
America's Insular Possessions, 2 vols. (boxed).....$3.75
Washington, The City and the Seat of Government.....$2.50
The Philippines Under Spanish and American Rule.....$2.50
The Countess Diane..... 90c
The Christy Girls..... 89c
The River Niagara, profusely illustrated $3.50
Old Paths and Legends of New England Border, by Katherine M. Abbott $3.50
Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Musicians.....$2.50
Little Journeys to the Homes of English Authors.....$2.50
Little Journeys to the Homes of Eminent Artists $2.50
The Boys of the Old Glee Club, by James W. Riley.....$1.08
James Whitcomb Riley in Prose and Pictures 75c
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.... 98c
Reveries of a Bacheler..... 98c
Longfellow's Hanging of the Crane $1.50

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Children's Boxes, with satin or linen-finished paper, with fancy figures to please the children. 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 29c

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Hand-painted Boxes, containing from two to five quires of the finest of linen paper $1.25, $2.00, $3.00, $3.50

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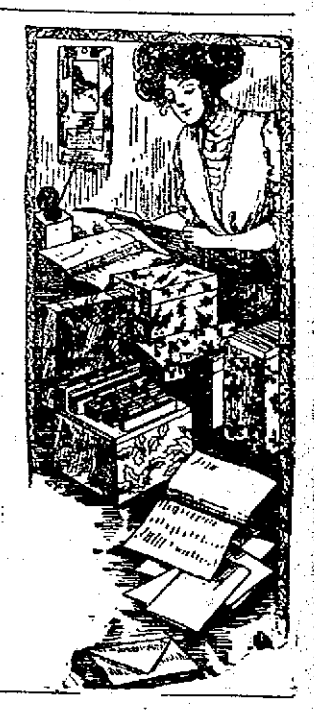

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Infants AND Children

The Little Tots must not be forgotten. Here are wearables and remembrances that they'll be told about in years to come. Many a Santa Claus can choose here.

White Lawn Dresses.....50c to $6.00
Sweaters, 75c, 98c, $1.25, $1.49, $1.98
Toques .....25c and 50c
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Machine-knit Leggings..... 50c
Angora Bonnets.....$1.49 and $1.98
Silk Mittens 75c
Tam O'Shanters 75c
Angora Mittens $1.00
Silk Hose 50c
Cashmere Hose 25c
Hand-painted Coat Hangers, 50c, $1.25
Hand-painted Armlets..... 50c
Hand-painted Record Books, 50c, $2.98
Hand-painted Rattles..... 50c
Hand-painted Pin Holders....50c, 98c
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FROM HER TO HER

Pretty Lace Corset Covers for.....25c

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Large Assortment of Skirts in hamburg trimmed, from.....79c to $10

Sets of Underwear....$3.98 to $16.50

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Hamburg and Lace Trimmed Chemise, 79c, $1, $1.50, $1.98 to $4.98

Pretty Line of Combination Drawers and Cover, Skirt and Cover, for $1.00 to $2.98

Flannelette Embroidered Skirt, 79c to $1.00

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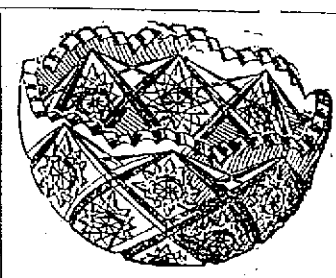

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Cut Glass Comports, $2.75, $3.50, $3.98, $4.50, $5.98, $7.50.
Cut Glass Celery Trays, $3.50, $3.75, $3.98
Cut Glass Caborets.....$7.98
Cut Glass Decanters, $3.98, $6.25, $7.50
Cut Glass Knife Rests, pair $2.75 and $3.25
Cut Glass Mayonnaise Dish and Tray, $3.98, $5.50 and $6.50
Cut Glass Nappies, $4.98, $6.50, $7.50
Cut Glass Peppers and Salts, each 38c, 50c, 75c
Cut Glass Pitchers or Jugs, $1.69, $1.75, $2.50, $4.50, $5, $5.98, $6.98, $8.50, $8.98, $10.98, $11.98
Cut Glass Oil or Vinegar Bottles, $2.25, $2.50, $2.98 $3.25, $3.75
Cut Glass Spoon Trays...$2.25, $2.75
Cut Glass Sugars and Creams, set $3.50, $3.75, $4.50, $4.75, $6.00
Cut Glass Vases, $2.25, $2.75, $2.98, $3.75, $3.98, $4.50, $4.98, to $11.98 and $13.50
Cut Glass Whiskey Set.....$10.50

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Bon Bons, 69c, 98c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.38, $1.98, $2.25, $2.98.
Comports, 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.69, $1.98
Candlesticks $2.98
Celery Trays $4.50
Nappies $2.98, $3.50, $3.98
Toilet Bottles.....$1.38, $1.69
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GLOVES—For dress, street and driving, both foreign and domestic makes, kid, Cape stock and Mochas, made up in the latest styles, lined or unlined, lined with silk, wool and fur. ..... $1.00 to $6.00
Wool Gloves.....25c to $1.00.

NIGHT SHIRTS and PAJAMAS—Night Shirts made from outing flannel and domets, extra heavy, made full sizes.....50c to $1.00
Also cotton, plain and trimmed, with and without collar, 50c, 75c and $1.00
Pajamas in madras, domets and cheviots.

SUSPENDERS and ARM BANDS—Men's Elastic Web Suspenders, put up in fancy boxes 50c

COMBINATION SETS—Garters, Suspenders and Sleeve Bands. 50c and $1.00 a box

SUSPENDERS—Fancy silk webbing, elastic back, gold mounting, $1.00 up to $2.00

NECKWEAR—High-grade Silk Neckwear, large, folded French and Reversible Four-in-Hands. Never before had we such a selection and it includes all the new colors and combinations. Prices and quality rightly adjusted..... 25c, 50c and $1.00

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ASSESSMENT AND TAX DODGING.

The meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Assessors, held recently in Boston, favored a change in the law by which the assessment of property would date from April 1 instead of May 1. They think this would prevent tax dodging to some extent, as there would not be so many ready to leave the state on that date as on May 1. The fact that other neighboring states date their assessment on April first would prevent the tax dodgers from escaping assessment altogether moving into one of these states.

The proposition is worth considering, but what is still more important is to assess those who remain fairly, to skip nobody and no piece of property.

A sentiment was voiced in favor of having the principal assessor appointed by the tax commissioners in order to remove him from local influences. We do not believe such a proposition should be considered. The mayor of the city should have the appointment and he should also have the power of removal at pleasure. That is the only way in which the people can be guaranteed an honest administration of the department.

SENATOR KNOX FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Senator Knox, who has been selected by President-elect Taft for secretary of state, will never set things on fire.

Mr. Taft says the place calls for a man who will go slow. If that's the kind of man he wants, Knox will fill the bill to perfection. As attorney general he started proceedings against certain trusts and at the rate of progress made by him it would require a generation or more to bring the principal trusts to trial.

If the nation is insulted while Knox is secretary of state, it will be a couple of months before he has decided what he should do. He will then, in all probability, decide that it is too late to do anything. There will be no vigorous foreign policy and as well expect the blast of Gabriel's horn as any message like that sent out by Secretary Olney during the Cleveland administration.

The appointment of Knox is intended, no doubt, as a measure of pacification to the nations and the interests that have been menaced with the big stick as wielded by President Roosevelt during the last four years.

Between the Roosevelt policy and that which will be favored by Knox, however, there is a via media which would be more pleasing to the American people than either. The contrast between Mr. Knox and some of his immediate predecessors will be the most striking thing about his tenure of the office.

BANK DIRECTORS WRECK A BANK.

Another bank failure, another cashier smashes a bank, another set of directors has failed to direct, nay, failed to see the ruin of the bank gradually worked out before their eyes. By their neglect they are responsible for the fall of the cashier and the robbery of the bank.

Cashier Varney of the Somersworth, N. H., bank is charged with defrauding the bank of an amount not yet decided but roughly set at $85,000. That will undoubtedly put the bank out of business unless it be rehabilitated by other capitalists.

What is the cause of this defalcation? Speculation on the part of the cashier we are told. Varney received $2500 a year, out of which he had to pay two assistants. That left him a very small income with the result that he resorted to speculation to increase his earnings. He had been playing the stock market for years, and yet it never occurred to the directors that anything was wrong.

Bank directors all over the country raised a great howl when Compiroller Murray of the currency issued a set of questions to be answered by directors. They became quite indignant that such silly questions should be put to them. The Somersworth, N. H., directors, no doubt, shared this indignation, as the comptroller, who, it was alleged, was a tyro, did not know anything about the banking business nor much of anything else. But the Somersworth bank is wrecked because the directors failed to comply with one of the plainest and simplest of the safety suggestions made by Comptroller Murray.

The directors failed to acquaint themselves with the habits of their cashier, or if they did not they deliberately ignored the fact that he played the stock market for years.

That alone was enough to indicate a grave danger, for when a bank official in charge of depositors' money starts to speculate he will use the money at his command. If he wins, the profits are his; if he loses the bank loses.

Cashier Varney lost heavily and his losses fell upon the bank. He must have been losing for a considerable time past, but yet the directors knew nothing of the fact. They were apparently asleep. What can be done to force bank directors to do their duty? Simply put them under bonds to do their duty, to look after the interests of the bank with the understanding that if any loss comes through their neglect they will be held responsible. If the money of the bank belonged to them they would not think Comptroller Murray's questions so silly; they would not impute ignorance of the business. On the contrary they would say that he showed good judgment in setting forth so many conditions necessary to perfect security.

Will other bank directors take a lesson from this defalcation? Some will but the majority will go on just as usual entrusting everything to the employes of the bank, putting implicit confidence in men who are daily handling large sums of money and who are poorly paid. This is always a temptation that the bank directors should not wholly overlook.

SEEN AND HEARD

One advantage about the safety razor is that a man's wife can't conveniently use it for opening sardines.

If the young man in love is going to write some original valentine verses to send to the Only Girl, it is about time for him to begin.

The old familiar saying that two can live as cheaply as one has caused a great deal of trouble in this world.

Modern science has concluded that the whale which swallowed Jonah must have had a very inefficient digestive apparatus.

There is an old theory that no man can do anything of real consequence in this world without making enemies. Is it justified?

It is always unwise to speculate, even if you have an opportunity to do it on borrowed money.

A good many more people might order Camembert cheese at fashionable restaurants if they only knew how to pronounce it.

Speaking of carrying messages to Garcia, anybody who had to carry all the president's messages to Garcia would have to keep hustling all the time.

The average girl is a good deal more interested in a new way of doing the hair than she is in the question of woman suffrage.

When a man is thoroughly convinced that he is more than ordinarily good looking, he is seldom good for much of anything, from that time on.

Here's a toast to the lovers: Two souls with but a single thought, and that not interesting to anybody else.

"Caution is the eldest child of wisdom."

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Rear Admiral Evans has taken warning from the case of Admiral Dewey, and will not allow the people of Los Angeles to give him a home, or anything else. The directors of the Los Angeles Harbor company have elected him chairman of their board, which place he will take after his lecture tour.

Rev. Harold Arrowsmith, rector of Trinity church in Lenox since 1896, and one of the best known clergymen of the Episcopal church in New England, has resigned because of his health. His successor has not been selected. Trinity church is the wealthiest parish in western Massachusetts, and among its communicants are well known New York, Newport and Boston families. When the diocese of western Massachusetts was formed Rev. Mr. Arrowsmith's name was prominently mentioned in the selection of a bishop. He has been an examining chaplain of the diocese for several years.

King Menelik of Abyssinia is reported to be anxiously awaiting a visit from President Roosevelt when the latter goes to Africa on his hunting trip. The king is an admirer of the president, with whose career he is vaguely familiar, but he has no idea of what popular government means. It is strange to him that a man who has an army at command should, as he thinks it, voluntarily retire from an exalted and powerful position.

The materials of Crosby hall, that ancient building whose demolition roused so many Londoners to wrath, have been accepted by the London county council and are to be re-erected in their former order. The site provided, the garden of Sir Thomas Moore, the author of "Utopia," is rated an admirable one. There is a project to use the hall as the nucleus of a great residential college for post-graduate students.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has resigned as president of the American Forestry association, to take effect immediately. He will be succeeded by W. S. Harvey of Philadelphia and New York.

J. T. Trowbridge has gone to Europe. It is his intention to spend the winter in southern Italy and Sicily. This is Mr. Trowbridge's third visit to Europe. He wrote "Neighbor Jackwood" in Paris in the summer and fall of 1865. In 1888 he took his family abroad and spent three years on the continent. Mr. Trowbridge at 81 shows few traces of the infirmities of age, and has a new book in press, entitled "A Pair of Madcaps."

It has been proposed that the four hundredth anniversary of Calvin's birth, which is to be celebrated by Presbyterians next year, be observed by founding a training school for ministers in France, the land of Calvin's birth.

The work of the late Rev. E. Blakeslee, founder of the Blakeslee lesson system, will be carried on as heretofore, with Rev. Dr. Frank K. Sanders as consulting editor and Mr. Franklin P. Shumway of Boston as president of the Bible Study Publishing company.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A tournament to revive the world's professional championship at the 18 inch balkline game of billiards will be held in this city beginning March 22 next. Entries will be limited to six and the prize money, a purse of $3000, the entrance fees and the net gate receipts will be divided among the four leaders on the basis of 50 per cent to the winner, 25 per cent. to the second man, 15 per cent to the third, and 10 per cent to the fourth. The games will consist of 400 or more points, subject to the playing rules at present governing the game.

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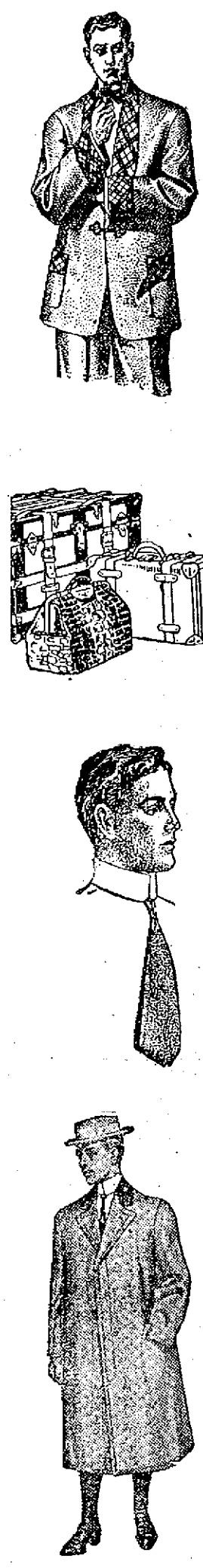

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ONE MAN SHOT

Two Others Wounded During a Fight

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 21.—Edward Stevens, one of a crowd of five, was shot during a fracas at the Saratoga house in Dartmouth early yesterday morning, and Babe Green, proprietor of the place, was badly cut about the head. George Stevens, who Green says is responsible for the trouble, was also battered about the head. Green did the shooting, and when brought to the police station said that it was in self-defence.

At the Emergency hospital, after the wounded man had been operated upon to get the bullet, it was said that his chances of recovery were about even.

The trouble started Saturday evening, when George Stevens called at the Saratoga house for his wife. Green told him she had gone and allowed Stevens to search the house. Stevens became abusive and Green put him out. Later Stevens returned with his gang and proceeded to clean out the place. It was then that the shooting occurred.

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A GAMING RAID

28 Captured and Six Made Their Escape

WALTHAM, Dec. 21.—Six Waltham young men made sensational escapes from the police in a gaming raid made by the latter at the rooms of the Central club in the Waverly block on Main street, near Spring, early this morning.

Leaping out of three story windows and across a five foot alleyway, then jumping to the ground, they eluded capture in a remarkable manner.

In jumping, one of the young men broke one of his legs, but with rare pluck he dragged himself to a place of safety, while 28 of his companions, all well known in this city, were scooped into the net of the police.

A SUICIDE

WOMAN DIED AS RESULT OF TAKING POISON

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Mary E. Richards, 20 years old, wife of George E. Richards of 66 Bowdoin street, West End, died at the Relief hospital late yesterday afternoon from poison which the police say she took in a room at 4 Pinckney street. The woman was brought to the hospital in a taxicab. A dispute with her husband is said to have been the cause of her act.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

IN BURIED CITY

"American Pompeii" is Laid Bare

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

Under a special congressional appropriation the work of excavating a pre-historic buried city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ari., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes.

Already a number of structures have been discovered, but the largest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long, with 11 rooms, the walls inclosing a plaza. In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated, and it is stated that their permanent preservation is of geat archeological importance.

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BODY EXHUMED

District Attorney Investigating Death of Somerville Girl

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The chemists at the Harvard medical school today received for examination the digestive organs of Catherine Kelleher, the young daughter of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, who died last September under circumstances that indicated ptomaine poisoning. The girl's mother is now held at the Middlesex county jail at East Cambridge on a charge of arson. Because there were six deaths in the Kelleher family within two years and Mrs. Kelleher received some $3500 in insurance money the authorities decided that an investigation of the deaths in the family should be made. The child's body was exhumed in the Arlington cemetery today and after the digestive organs had been removed the remains were reinterred.

The parts to be examined were given to Doctors William Sway and M. F. Durrell who delivered them to the chemists at the Harvard Medical school.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Henry Lyman of Brookline and Miss Elizabeth Cabot were united in marriage Saturday at the home of the bride's mother in Commonwealth avenue, Boston. Miss Cabot is the daughter of Mrs. Samuel Cabot, who was Miss Helen Nichols of this city, and Mr. Lyman is the son of Mr. Theodore Lyman of Brookline. Both are favorably known in this city. Mr. Theodore Lyman, a brother, was best man. The ushers were Charles S. Sargent, Jr., and Mr. C. Handasyde Whitney of Milton, the latter a classmate of Mr. Lyman, Harvard, '01. The bride's gown was of white chiffon velvet and Venetian lace, rich and becoming. Dr. Arthur T. Cabot gave her away. There was a small reception at 12.30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman's home will be 199 Marlboro street, Boston.

VAN DER HOEVEN—SMOOT

Miss Margaret Smoot, who in the past has been a resident of this city, was married at Manchester, Mass., on Tuesday at the Charles Head villa, to Mr. Jan Van Der Hoeven of Rotterdam, Holland. The Rev. Mr. Geoghegan, formerly of the Baltimore Unitarian church, now of New Bedford, the bride's stepfather, performed the ceremony. The only attendant was Miss Sadie Smoot, the younger sister. The bride wore an empire gown of white satin with yoke and sleeves of lace. After the breakfast the young people left in a limousine for Boston. From there they went on to Woodstock, Vt., where the short honeymoon will be spent, for they are sailing the first of January for Rotterdam, the bridegroom's home.

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PARIS, Dec. 21.—Wilbur Wright, the Ohio aviator, continues to make record flights in France. There seems to be no limit to the possibilities of his wonderful flying machine. Recently he remained in the air nearly two hours, reached an altitude of 300 feet and covered a distance of 70 miles. Besides the $100,000 offered by the French government for the most successful aeroplane, Wright is reasonably assured of the Michelin cup and several other prizes for heavier than air machines.

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KING EDWARD

ALMOST ENTIRELY RECOVERED FROM HIS ILLNESS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—King Edward has almost entirely recovered from his recent indisposition. His majesty returns from Brighton today to sign the propagation speech and will go to Sandringham castle for Christmas.

DRACUT GRANGE

The Dracut grange will have its installation of officers on the first Monday in January not tonight as reported.

CHILDREN'S HOME

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BOXING GOSSIP

The bouts this week are:

MONDAY.

Al Delmont vs. Monk the Newsboy, Lymansville, R. I.

Sam Langford vs. Jim Flynn, and Jimmy Walsh vs. Monte Attell, San Francisco.

Harry Decker vs. Phil McGovern, Tamaqua, Pa.

Fred Corbett vs. Joe Sieger, Philadelphia.

TUESDAY

Tommy Murphy vs. Charley Griffin, Bill McKinnon vs. L. Conly, and Young Alger vs. Young Miers, Armory A. A.

Frank Klauss vs. Paul Moore, Pittsburg.

Battling Harley vs. Young Nitchie, Philadelphia.

THURSDAY

Jimmy McKenzie vs. Harry Lowell, Detroit.

T. Carey vs. Harry Stone, Harrisburg.

Broadway A. C., Philadelphia.

FRIDAY

Terry Martin vs. Eddie Chambers, Baltimore.

Jim Bonner vs. Dick Nelson, Lawrence.

Abe Attell vs. Biz Mackey, New Orleans.

Dave Deshler vs. Young Donahue, New Orleans.

Jimmy Hanlon vs. Tommy Bergin, Portland, Me.

Tommy Sullivan vs. Harry Mansfield, Mickey Gannon vs. unknown, and three other inter-city bouts, National A. C., Philadelphia.

Harry Baker vs. Young Nitchie, Nonpariel A. C., Philadelphia.

SATURDAY

Tommy Burns vs. Jack Johnston, Sydney N. S. W.

Eddie Curtis vs. H. McCann, Lancaster, Pa.

Wayne A. C. and Frankford A. C., Philadelphia.

Rouse O'Brien is seeking matches in New York.

Peter Maher once more announces that he bars nobody.

Billy Rolfe will meet Wright of Lawrence at Salem tonight.

A return match between Henry Hall and Cleve Hawkins is being talked of.

Eddie Smith will referee the Flynn-Langford contest at San Francisco tonight.

Willie Riley and Eddie Murphy, the South Boston boys, are training for bouts at Albany.

Terry Martin and Eddie Chambers have agreed to box 15 rounds at Baltimore Christmas day.

Phil Brock, the Cleveland lightweight, has gone to Havana, where he expects to pick some easy change.

Peter Sullivan of Fall River is mentioned as the next opponent of Cyclone Thompson at Pocatello, Idaho, Jan. 16.

It is unofficially announced that Matty Baldwin and Jim Driscoll are matched to box at the Armory A. A. Dec. 29.

A syndicate has offered $5000 for a fight in Wales between Freddie Welsh and the winner of the Britt-Summers fight.

Martin Flaherty, the former Lowell featherweight, is now ready to match his middleweight, Bob Smith, against Bill McKinnon.

Jimmy Bonner will meet Dick Nelson at Lawrence Christmas. Nelson was to have met Deshler, but on account of the latter boxing Donohue at New Orleans Saturday night it was felt that the long return trip would leave the Cambridge boy in poor shape for such a tough fellow as Nelson.

DIAMOND NOTES

Harry McCormick is playing basketball at Harrisburg, Pa.

Minneapolis has sold the release of Catcher Buelow to the Montreal club.

Pitcher Pat Connolly, with Lawrence part of the season, will be with Lynn next spring.

Pete Noonan has been traded by St. Paul for Third Baseman Egan of the San Francisco club.

Hugh Jennings is a banker as well as a lawyer. He is a director in the Old Forge bank in a suburb of Scranton, Pa.

Joe Kelly has put his case in the hands of an attorney and President Dovey must do all future business with Kelly's lawyer.

Rucker and Wilhelm, the pitchers who did such good work for the Superbas last season, have signed contracts to play baseball in Brooklyn again next year.

Clark Griffith has joined the list of managers anxious to get John Hummel of the Brooklyns. Perhaps a four-cornered deal will result, as "Griff" intimates a big trade is on.

Willie Keeler picks out George Perring of the Clevelands as the coming star in the infield. He thinks Perring was just beginning to find himself in the last half of the 1908 season.

The Washington club has ordered Jim Delahanty to quit the All-American team now playing in Japan, as the nine is managed by an ineligible player. Japan is a far cry from Washington and Jim is an obstinate fellow.

President Pat Powers is reported to have already signed Kelly, Stafford and Murray of last year's Eastern league staff of Memphis, and the new men are said to be Finneran and Connor of the Tri-State league and Byron of a western league.

What is said to be a world's record for assists in proportion to games played has been credited to Frank Owens, the Memphis catcher drafted by the Chicago White Sox. Official figures just announced by the league show Owens in possession of 194 assists for 117 games, or nearly two men thrown out for every contest. His nearest rival is McMurray of Atlanta, with 124.

Manager Jack Dunn has severed his connection with the Baltimore club for ten days. In this time he is a free agent and can come to terms with any club with which he wishes to do business. At the end of ten days, if he has not signed with any club, he is to rejoin the Orioles, but he may not return as manager. Dunn declined to sign for next year until paid a bonus he asked for on last season's contract.

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BASKETBALL NOTES

On Monday evening in Centralville Rollaway the Mysteries first team will have for its opponents the strong C. Y. M. L. Seniors, while the Mysteries second team will have the strong C. Y. M. A. opposing it. No doubt these games will attract a great deal of interest, for each team has a large following of rooters.

Not being able to arrange a full schedule of games the management of the Mysteries wishes to announce in The Sun, that the team is open to play any team in the city or state at 120 or 130 pounds.

There is nothing in Lowell that can touch the following quintet of players: Gilbride, Dyer, O'Brien, McPherson and Fahey.

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G. F. STURTEVANT

Head of School Supply Dept. Dead

Mr. George F. Sturtevant, for many years head of the public school supply department, died Saturday night at the Lowell General hospital. Mr. Sturtevant went to the hospital during the early part of the week for an operation. It was at first thought that he was suffering from appendicitis, but later developed to be gall stones. His condition became so critical that the doctors decided that the only way in which there was a chance to save his life would be to perform an operation. While the operation proved to be successful, Mr. Sturtevant was unable to rally and passed away Saturday night.

Mr. Sturtevant was 61 years old, and had spent the greater part of his life in Lowell, excepting a few years spent in Bath, Me., where he was superintendent of the Bath foundry. He held a similar position with the Pevey foundry in Lowell for a long term of years, and about ten years ago was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Henry Williams, who was truant commissioner and supply agent for the school department. He filled this position in a capable manner, and his loss will be keenly felt by scores of teachers who enjoyed his always happy and genial companionship.

But his circle of friends was perhaps widest among the musical people of the city, and those who have to do with them. Of late years he had sung only occasionally, but in his younger years he was one of the leading tenors of the city. He had sung in the John Street, Kirk Street, High Street, St. Anne's and other choirs, and at the time of his death was a member of the Temple male quartet.

In fraternal circles he was well known. He was active in the Masonic bodies, but retained his membership in the lodge in Bath. He was an Elk and a member of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Sturtevant was not married, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Almira Sturtevant, and a brother, Charles S. Sturtevant, and by nieces and nephews.

BISHOP ALLEN

Says Pope Pius X is in Good Health

ROME, Dec. 21.—Alarm is again beginning to spread through Rome concerning the Pope's health. It is said he has not rallied altogether since his recent illness and that his condition is causing anxiety to the cardinals.

In an interview, Bishop Allen of Mobile, Ala., who was one of the last to see the Pope, said:

"I was with the Holy Father for a considerable time and I am able to say I found him perfectly well. Besides, I was present Sunday at the ceremony at the Vatican and heard the pope deliver a long address lasting half an hour on Joan of Arc. His voice was clear and ringing, his movements active and there was no external sign to show he is not in the best of health."

INJURIES FATAL

Child Victim of Peculiar Accident

Leo Deschenes, aged two years and eight months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Deschenes of 27 Ward street, died Saturday night as a result of a peculiar accident which he suffered Thursday afternoon.

The child had been playing with a brass curtain rod. With the rod in his hand he started to run across the room, when one end of the rod struck the wall the other end entering the child's right eye and penetrating the brain.

The child was rendered unconscious and partial paralysis set in and later total paralysis. He was removed to the Lowell hospital where an examination was made and it was found that nothing could be done to save the child's life, therefore he was returned to his home, where death occurred.

Y. M. C. A. TEAM

WON BASKETBALL GAME AT MANCHESTER

The Lowell Y. M. C. A. basketball team went to Manchester Saturday night and defeated the Y. M. C. A. team of that city by a score of 43 to 40. The Lowell team put up a good battle, but the representatives of the Queen City were also on their mettle and made good opponents. The score at the end of the first half was 26 to 20 in favor of Manchester, but the Lowell boys got in the going in the latter part of the game and slammed the ball into the basket from every direction. The summary:

Lowell	Manchester
Croft lb	rf Jackson-Farmer
Sutherland rb	lf Sawyer
W. Grant c	c Stewart
J. Grant rf	lb Bond
Cote lf	rb Murkel

Goals from the floor, J. Grant 10, Cote 6, Croft 2, W. Grant 2, Stewart 5, Sawyer 4, Bond 4, Murkel 2. Goals from fouls, Sawyer 10, Cote 3. Score, Lowell 43, Manchester 40. Attendance, 500.

LAWRENCE WON

One of the local Y. M. C. A. basketball teams lost to Lawrence in a good game Saturday night on the local floor by the score of 14 to 9. The game was fast throughout and created plenty of excitement for the unusually large number of spectators present.

Leavitt and Clement excelled for Lowell, while Smith and Bingham showed up well for the visitors. The summaries:

Lawrence	Lowell
Bingham lf	rb Clements
Walahan rf	lb LaJeuness
Gallagher c	c Leavitt
Smith lb	rf Livingston
Christian rb	lf Dwyer

Score—Lawrence 14, Lowell 9. Goals by Livingston, Dwyer 2, Leavitt, Walahan, Smith 3, Gallagher 2. Fouls, Dwyer, Smith 2. Referee, Stephan. Timers, Gwin, Provencher. Attendance, 500.

SENATOR KNOX

Mrs. Knox and Their Country Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Philander Chase Knox of Pennsylvania, who has accepted the office of secretary of state to succeed Elihu Root in the Taft cabinet, was born in Brownsville, Pa., on May 6, 1853, and was graduated from Mount Union college, Alliance, O., in 1872. He engaged in the practice of law in 1876 and soon became one of the most distinguished and successful practitioners at the Pennsylvania bar. He was made attorney general by Mr. McKinley on April 9, 1901, and remained in the cabinet under Mr. Roosevelt until June, 1904, when he resigned to accept the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death of Senator Quay. Mr. Knox was elected to the senate in January, 1905, for the term ending March 3, 1911. The fact that he is to leave the senate for the cabinet has already caused activity among senatorial aspirants in Pennsylvania. Among those who are talked of as candidates for Senator Knox's toga are George T. Oliver, millionaire iron manufacturer and newspaper publisher; Henry C. Frick, George F. Huff, John Dalzell, Joseph V. Thompson, Judge John P. Elkin and Martin E. Olmstead. The accompanying cut contains a photograph of the Knox country home in historic Valley Forge.

SETTLEMENT WORK

REV. DENNIS A. SULLIVAN, O. M. I.

Rev. Fr. Sullivan O. M. I., Plans to Aid Belvidere Children

Rev. Dennis Sullivan, O. M. I., has started a movement that is certain to bring happiness to many homes.

Last Saturday Fr. Sullivan announced that he had called a meeting of the O. M. I. Cadets and the Children of Mary to be held in Y. M. C. I. hall at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. At the 9 o'clock mass at the Immaculate Conception church yesterday, he urged the parents of the members of these two organizations to see that every boy and girl was present at the meeting. At the appointed hour yesterday afternoon there must have been five hundred children in the hall. Fr. Sullivan called to order and told the boys and girls that he had decided to do something to aid the poor children of Belvidere without regard to creed, and he asked those present to assist him. He then outlined a plan of settlement work on which he has been at work for some time. He said he wanted the members of the O. M. I. Cadets and the Children of Mary to act as members of committees which will be headed by officers of the two organizations. Each committee will be assigned a section of Belvidere in which to carry on the work. The entire expense will be borne by the members of the committees, though of course, if any charitably inclined people wish to aid by contributions, their assistance will be greatly appreciated. Already Fr. Sullivan has received several private contributions from persons who knew he was at work on some method by which the poor children might be helped to food and clothing. The good priest told his children yesterday afternoon that he thought this time, at the approach of the festival of Christmas, was the best season to begin the work so that no children in Belvidere would have their Christmas marred because of the absence of food or clothing.

He proposes to personally supervise the work and feels confident that with the start already made and the help given yesterday by the children, every home in Belvidere will have been supplied by Thursday of this week. The settlement work will be a permanent venture and it is believed that when the people of all classes see what has been accomplished, they will readily cooperate with Fr. Sullivan and his committee of young people so that in time the settlement work may be engaged in on a more elaborate scale.

Since coming to the Immaculate Conception church, Fr. Sullivan, who is a native of Belvidere and a graduate of the Immaculate Conception school, has taken the greatest interest in the young people of Belvidere. He organized and is spiritual director of the O. M. I. Cadets, and has done everything for the boys and girls of that section of the city.

Speaking of the settlement work, he said to a reporter of The Sun, who inquired about his plans: "There are in Belvidere many little children who suffer for want of food, and who are unable to receive proper protection from the cold weather because of lack of suitable clothing. No better work could one get children interested in, than aiding those little ones, who may not be so fortunate as themselves. It teaches them practical charity and I believe will make of them better men and women when they have grown up. I am surprised at the enthusiasm with which my appeal to the meeting of young people was received yesterday afternoon, and I can say that the contributions of these young people at the first meeting were indeed gratifying to me and beyond my expectations. My purpose is to see that every child in Belvidere, no matter what his creed or color may be, is attended to, and then I will feel that the work is proceeding satisfactorily."

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HELD A BEAN SUPPER

A well attended and successful bean supper was held in the quarters formerly occupied by Post 185 G. A. R. Saturday night under the auspices of Court Jeanne d'Arc, French American Foresters. About six hundred people partook of the appetizing spread. The committee in charge of the supper was composed of Miss Pauline Picard, president; Mrs. Adeline Favreau, Miss Alma Lequin, Mrs. George Pitro and Miss Regina Caron, and the young women waiting on the tables were Misses Marthe Favreau, Mary and Josie Hebert, Mary Dionne, May Dionne, Mrs. George Pitre and Miss Rosa Cote.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Catherine V. Golden, of Lowell, in said County, that she was lawfully married to William E. Golden, now of Hot Springs, South Dakota, at Lowell, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1895, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said William E. Golden, lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell, aforesaid; that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said William E. Golden, being wholly regardless of the same, at Lowell, aforesaid, on or about the 15th day of September, A. D. 1900, contracted and still has gross and confirmed habits of intoxication caused by the voluntary and excessive use of intoxicating liquors. And at Lowell, aforesaid, on or about the 7th day of October, A. D. 1900, and at divers other dates was guilty of cruel and abusive treatment towards your libellant.

And being of sufficient ability so to do, gross, wantonly and cruelly refuses and neglects to provide suitable maintenance and support for your libellant.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said William E. Golden.

There is one minor child of said marriage, to wit, William H., aged 12 years. And your libellant prays the Honorable Court that the care and custody of said minor child be committed to her, and for such other orders and decrees as to your Honors shall seem meet, and as justice may require.

Dated the 26th day of September, A. D. 1908.

CATHERINE V. GOLDEN,

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, Nov. 28, A. D. 1908.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of January next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Ernest L. Curtice, late of Berwick, in the State of Maine, deceased, intestate, having estate in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to Harvey D. Harriman, Administrator, 40 Wilbur st. Lowell, Mass., Dec. 12, 1908.

Lowell Institution for Savings

Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, I, George S. Barrows, now of Kansas City, Mo., administrator, do hereby give notice that I have made written application to the Lowell Institution for Savings, Lowell, Mass., for a duplicate deposit book of Account No. 41454, standing in the name of William E. Barrows, which said deposit book is lost or destroyed. Signed,

GEORGE S. BARROWS,
Administrator.
Kansas City, Mo.

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ELEGANT LYNX SET, magnificent large rug muff and extra long scarf, cost $80, in New York, will sell for $20; also a gentleman's fur lined coat, lined with the finest Australian mink, extra fine Persian lamb collar and good broadcloth, very little used, cost $115, in New York, will sell for $35. Inquire S. Chaves, Esq., Hotel New American, suite 7. Call at once as I leave town Tuesday.

TWO GOOD FAMILY COWS for sale. Inquire at 33 Bleachery st.

YOUNG SINGING CANARIES for sale. Apply 28 First st., upstairs.

FOUR UPRIGHT PIANOS in good condition, for sale, full size, prices $59, $75, $110, $118. Call early and secure first choice as all these pianos will be sold before Christmas. Call at 110 Merrimack st.

MANDOLINS, banjos, guitars, cases, music stands, music rolls, second hand instruments, $2 to $7.50. W. P. Hovey, 9½ Wyman's Exchange. Tel. 1639-4.

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SECOND HAND FURNITURE of all kinds, anything you have to sell we will buy and pay more than any other dealer. Send postal and we will call, 667 Middlesex st.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

VILLAGE STORE AND RESIDENCE for sale, ½ acre land, stock of groceries and fixtures, good horse, sleigh, wagon and harness. Easy terms. $1800. Dodge, 22 Central st.

4 TENEMENT HOUSE within 5 min. walk to post office, now renting for $312 a year, can be bought with a very small amount down. Here's a mighty good chance for a man to make money. Gas, sewer, water. With a little expense this property can be put in perfect repair. Will sell before Dec. 28th for $2000. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

SIX ROOM COTTAGE in very good condition near the court house, for sale. Excellent place for man who works in down-town mills. Sewer, water, etc. Small amount down. $1000 buys it. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

EXCELLENT COTTAGE HOME of 6 rooms in Centralville for sale. Large yard room. Nicely located. 2 min. to cars. It will pay you to look into this matter. $1200. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

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FOUR TENEMENT BLOCK in Navy Yard for sale; also 1 cottage on Sixth st., 1 cottage on Fisher st. Nice building lot on Moody st. Inquire of John McMenamin, 212 Merrimack st.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE—Several one, two and four family properties, splendid locations, tempting values for investors and homeseekers. Drop in Saturday or Monday evening. May just suit you. M. J. Sharkey, room 25, Chalifoux Bldg., 22 Central st. Tel.

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FURNISHED ROOMS to let with furnace heat, gas and bath, in private family. Inquire 12 Cottage st., off Hosford sq.

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NICE TENEMENT on Stackpole st. to let; also nice tenement on George st., in Navy Yard, on Lakeview ave., also cottage on Fifth st. Inquire of John McMenamin, 212 Merrimack st.

EXCELLENT BARN with two stalls, carriage room and good storage attic for hay and grain, at 54 Grove st. to let. Will rent for $6 a mo. Eugene G. Russell, 407 Middlesex st., near depot.

FLATS to let. A few new 4 and 5 room flats, on Elm and Linden sts. I will make the rent good and low for the winter. Apply Joseph Flynn, 137 Gorham st.

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6-ROOM TENEMENT in Pawtucketville, to let, pleasant, bath, gas, hot water, sewer connection, open plumbing. Two car lines. Apply 89 Varnum ave., phone 1019-1.

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GOLD RING lost Dec. 19, on School st. Finder please return to 11 Somerset st. and receive reward.

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Christmas Gifts

There is nothing that you can give your father, brother, cousin or best fellow for a Christmas gift better than one of those beautiful pipes exhibited in the window of James H. Buckley & Co., the Central st. cigar manufacturers. They have made a special box of Boston Terriers and Buck's Best, 25 cigars in a box. They are just the right size for Christmas trade. James H. Buckley & Co., 131 Central and 480 Middlesex st.

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XMAS PROGRAMS

Rendered at Several of the Churches Yesterday

Rev. Dr. Spalding at First Baptist—Sermons Appropriate to Christmas Preached in Several Churches — Yesterday's Services

The Christmas season was observed in most of the Protestant churches throughout the city, yesterday. Special sermons were delivered and there was special music. Many of the churches were decorated and the Christmas spirit was in the air.

ELIOT CHURCH

The program for the day at the Eliot Congregational church was as follows:

Christmas Music—Morning

Prelude, "Tollite Hostias," Saint-Saens; anthem, "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings," Foote; anthem, "The Chimes of Christmas Morn," Dressler; soprano solo, "O Holy Night," Adams; Miss Green, violin obligato by Mr. Levi; offertory solo, from "Samson and Delilah," Saint-Saens; anthem, "Hark, Hark With Harps of Gold," Marston; postlude, "Grand Choeur," Spence.

Evening

Prelude, "Finale from Sonata in G Minor," Storer; anthem, "The Babe of Bethlehem," Bartlett; offertory solo, selected; Mr. Levi; postlude, "Festival March," Barnes.

Choir—Miss Esther M. Green, soprano; Miss Blanche G. Martin, alto; Mr. Edgar H. Barker, tenor and director; Mr. N. Graham Seddon, bass; Miss Harriette G. Lee, organist; Mr. Alfred S. Levi, violinist.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

The program complete at the First Congregational church was as follows:
Singing by congregation, "Joy to the World."
Kindergarten.
Singing by school, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
Recitation by Joseph Pickles and Winthrop Osgood, "Our Christmas Wish."
Singing by school, "Sing, O Sing."
"Wishes," recitation by eight little girls in Miss Saunders' class.
Recitation, "Oh, Bethlehem Town,"
Clarence Bartlett.
Singing by school, "Holy Night."
"If There Were No Christmas," recitation by five little girls in Mrs. Frye's class.
Recitation,
Lewis Grand.
"The Beautiful Story," song by Annie Fletcher, Louise Wayne and Bernice Staples.
"Our Christmas Gifts," recitation by seven little boys.
Recitation,
Mrs. Ball's Class.
"No Room in the Inn."
Laurene Burns.
Singing by school, "Christmas Bells."
"The Name Above Every Name," recitation by Miss Davis' class.
Recitation, "Christmas Bells,"
Gladys Bigelow.
Recitation, "If I Had Lived in Bethlehem,"
George Faulkner.
Singing by six little girls, "Rock the Cradle."
Recitation, "The Wondrous Star,"
Howard Robinson.
Singing by school, "Hail the Gift Most Precious."
Recitation, "Christmas,"
John Willmott.
Recitation, "A Norse Lullaby,"
Florence Brooks.
Singing, "The Secret of the Stars,"
Georgie and Ella Faulkner.
Recitation, "The First Christmas,"
Carter Hoyt.
Recitation,
Horace Slocum.
Singing by school, "Came the Wise Men."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. C. H. Spalding of Boston preached at the First Baptist church. The music was very beautiful and varied in character. The program was as follows:

Morning

Gloria, from Mozart's 12th mass; soprano solo, selected, Mrs. Pepin; contralto solo, "Bethlehem's Guiding Star," Maryo, Mrs. Hervey; quartet, "Rejoice, the King is Come," Hall, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Hervey, Mr. Wilby, Mr. Heathcote.

Evening

Anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest," Emerson; tenor solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Adams, Mr. Wilby; duet, "The Guiding Star," Bragdon, Mrs. Pepin and Mrs. Hervey; quartet, "There Were Shepherds," Miles, Mrs. Pepin, Mrs. Hervey, Mr. Wilby, Mr. Heathcote.

Mr. A. P. French, organist; Mr. J. Avison Baker, musical director.

GORHAM STREET METHODIST

Services at the Gorham Street Methodist church were well attended, and lessons were drawn from the spirit of Christmas. The program for the day was as follows:

Morning

Morning—Organ prelude, "With the Shepherds," James; invocation; anthem, "There Were Shepherds Abiding," R. Earle; responsive Psalm 2, hymn, prayer; soprano solo, "Night of Nights," Mrs. J. D. Willman; scripture lesson, announcements, hymn; sermon theme, "The Greatest Gift"; anthem, "The Hallelujah Chorus;" offering, hymn, benediction; postulude, "Gloria."

Evening—Prelude in D, Battmann; a Sunday school Christmas concert; anthems, "Glory to God in the Highest," "Heavenly Father, Sovereign Lord," A. Boirly; solo, selected, by Mrs. J. D. Willman; postlude, Battmann; chorus choir, thirty voices; solo in anthems sustained by Mr. N. W. Mathews, Jr., bass; Mr. Fred Potter, tenor; Miss Alice Scoble, soprano; Mr. Joseph Wilmot, choir master; Mr. J. Edward Leith, organist.

BRANCH STREET CHURCH

The Sunday school concert was the feature of the evening service at the Branch Street Baptist church. The concert was in charge of Miss Eloise Hills and Mrs. Walter Brown. The program follows:
Prayer.
Hymn by congregation, "Joy to the World."
Responsive reading, Sunday school lesson for the day.
Address of Welcome.
Irene Christian
Anthem.
Choir.
Recitation,
Clyde Campbell.
Song in Finnish by Kustaa, Lempi, Larye, Walns, Hugo, and Walter Kelleo.
Recitation, "Little Christmas Stars,"
Forrest Stimpson, Irene Hall, Ruth Merrill.
Song, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night."
Primary Department
Recitation, "The Blessed Time,"
Gladys Green.
Walter Kelleo
Recitation, "On His Majesty's Service."
Earl Stephenson, George Spence, Ray Page, Henry Berg.
Solo,
Helen Stephens.
Recitation,
Lempi Kelleo.
Recitation, "At Christmas Time,"
Phyllis Brown, Beryl Taylor, Stella Flynn, George Youngman, Annabel Gordon.
Recitation,
Lora Davis.
Carol by chorus of girls,
Helen Stephens, Mildred McGregor, Phyllis Brown, Beryl Taylor, Mary Rogers, Freda Rogers, Lora Davies, Lempi Kelleo, Etta Clement.
Anthem by choir.
Recitation,
Irene Davis.
Trio,
Blanche Smith, Beatrice Smith, Mary Gordon.
Recitation,
Ruth Foss.
Solo,
Helen McGregor.
Recitation,
Bertha Green.
Recitation, "Christmas Pennies."
Harold Stephens, Willie Berg, Ray Page, Albert Pearsall.
Offering.
Talk by pastor.
Doxology.
Benediction.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST

There was sweet Christmas music at the First Universalist church, and the church was prettily decorated. The voluntary was from the "Messiah," "Unto Us a Child is Born," and Maker's anthem, "Arise and Shine," with a tenor solo by Osmond Long followed. Mrs. Annie H. Johnson, soprano, sang Spence's "Rejoice This Blessed Morn" and Vanderwater's "Night of Nights." The postlude was the "Gloria" from Mozart's 12th mass.

HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL

At the Highland Congregational church, Rev. A. Frederic Dunnels gave a short Christmas sermon, and there was special music by the quartet of the church composed of Miss Nettie M. Studley, soprano; Miss Alice E. Leith, contralto; F. A. R. Mixon, tenor and Charles H. Howard, bass. The organist and director was Miss Clara H. Fenton. At the services Edward W. Daly, violinist, assisted.

PAWTUCKET CHURCH

Services appropriate to the season were held at the Pawtucket Congregational church yesterday, the sermon being delivered by Rev. F. G. Alger, pastor of the church. The interior of the church was prettily decorated. In the evening the cantata, "The Manger Throne," by Mamney was given by the choir under the direction of Mr. S. R. Fleet. Miss Florence Milner, Mr. Fred Lelacheur, Mr. W. C. Hamblet, Miss Cora M. Bartlett and Mrs. A. T. Howe sustained the various solos most acceptably, and in the quartet Mrs. O. R. Park, Miss Bartlett, Mr. E. S. Howe and Mr. W. T. S. Bartlett did effective work.

AT GRACE CHURCH

At the Grace Universalist church yesterday and excellent musical program was carried out. The regular quartet of the church, consisting of Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Burns, Mr. Wibberly and Mr. Burns, giving among other numbers Gounod's anthem, "Nazareth" and Morrison's anthem, "There Were Shepherds." Raff's cavatina was played at the offertry by Hans Von Gruben Borjes. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Greene, D. D., preached a Christmas sermon.

CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS

Special services were held yesterday at the First Unitarian church. The interior of the church was very prettily decorated for the occasion. There was special music with Christmas anthems rendered by the choir and Rev. C. T. Billings preached on "A Lesson from the Magi."

At noon there was a special Christmas service for the Sunday school. This was held in the auditorium, the children marching in, singing, from their Sunday school room. The exercises consisted of singing and responsive reading, with speaking by the various classes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The Sunday school concert which was arranged for last evening, at the Highland M. E. church was postponed on account of the sudden death of Miss Ruth Lucille Wilder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilder. Miss Wilder was to have taken part in the concert. The concert will be given next Sunday

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STAR POLO PLAYER

FRED JEAN LANDS WHALERS IN FIRST PLACE

Fred Jean, former captain and centre of the Lowell polo team, and considered the king of polo players, is now captaining the New Bedford team, which holds first position in the National Roller Polo league. The New Bedford team was formerly located in New Britain, but a month ago was transferred to the whaling city. At that time the team occupied an unenviable position at the bottom of the standing, but within a month Jean has brought it up to first place.

The New Bedford Times has the following to say about Fred Jean and "Pop" Holderness, formerly of the Lowell team, who is also playing with New Bedford:

"Taking the New Britain polo team when it was a tailender and in less than a month bringing it to the top notch position in the National Polo league is the feat accomplished by Fred Jean, the king of the polo game, and the team that will represent this city will probably play its first game here with a firm hand on the first position.

"Jean is the captain. Acknowledged to be the greatest polo player that ever lived by the majority of the players and critics, he is a drawing card unequalled in the winter sport, and in himself a whole team as soon as the bell rings, starting the contest.

"Jean plays centre on the team that is now representing this city. His shots for the cage, from all angles, either backhand or sideways, are hard and accurate, and he is the terror of all the goal tends. Fast on his feet he is able to skate with the best of players and his immense size gives him a great advantage over small opponents.

"Holderness is one of the steadiest halfbacks in the game. He can block off speedy rushers who are carrying the ball and can get around in the rear of his cage and send the rubber spinning up the floor for one of the offensive players to carry on as well as any man in the league. He is not a brilliant player, but his steady work does much towards bringing victory to the Champs."

BOSTON MEN

ADDRESSED THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Trades & Labor council was held yesterday at headquarters in Middle street. President Convery was in the chair and when the meeting was called to order there was a large attendance of members.

The regular business was suspended in order that the members might listenten to representatives of the Banking and Annuity Insurance league, Messrs. Jones and Sawyer of Boston.

They explained the object of the law as passed by the last legislature and the benefit to the workers of such insurance. The council afterward returned to the regular order of business and a report from various locals and from standing committees showed conditions in good shape for the incoming year. Next regular meeting will be Jan. 3, and election of officers will take place for the ensuing term. The anti-vaccination bill to the legislature was endorsed by this body.

IS IMPROVING

DOCTORS SAY MRS. BEAULIEU MAY RECOVER

Mrs. Romelia Beaulieu, who was shot by her husband at the home of her father in Ford street, a few weeks ago, is showing signs of improvement. There is every indication now that the woman will live provided that she remains at the hospital long enough to receive proper care.

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DOCTORS PROBE

Nashua Health Board Severely Criticized

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 21.—A committee of three prominent physicians has been appointed from the medical association to investigate the methods of the board of health, regarding which many serious allegations have been made, both by physicians and laymen.

These physicians will prepare a report, which will be submitted to the city councils, showing the exact date of affairs and recommending radical changes, including the creating of the office of health inspector.

During the past few months there have been many cases of diphtheria and other contagious diseases, and it is alleged that the board of health has been decidedly lax in quarantining these places and fumigating them. Even Mayor Shedd has taken a hand in the matter and personally supplied anti-toxin where members of the health board failed.

The city physician has taken the matter up with the mayor, and reports one instance where fumigation did not follow a death for several days. Not only are the physicians aroused over the matter, but private citizens have become incensed.

Dr. J. A. Lagace, in his own defence, claims that the complaints from physicians against him are merely discrimination. He is not a member of the medical association, and alleges that it is on that account that the complaints are made against the board. He also claims that the salary and appropriation of the board are too small to carry on the work.

LOST AN EYE

CURLEY WAS INJURED AT OAKLANDS SEWER

Thomas Curley, of 146 South street, who was injured by the explosion of a dynamite cap, while at work at the Oaklands sewer a couple of weeks ago, has been discharged from St. John's hospital. He has lost the sight of his left eye.

BILLERICA

There is an epidemic of diphtheria in Billerica, but the members of the board of health believe that the limit has been reached and from now on the number of cases will lessen. Several cases were reported during the past week, though the patients had the disease in a light form.

The majority of the cases that have been reported were among the school children. In order to guard against the spread of the disease among the pupils, the board of health has fumigated the Pollard school in Billerica Centre and the Talbot school in the north village.

Mrs. Ann Baker, a well known resident of Billerica, celebrated the 75th anniversary of her birth Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur S. Cook. During the day relatives and friends of Mrs. Baker called to offer congratulations as well as to have slight tokens of friendship. All of Mrs. Baker's children and grandchildren were present to offer their congratulations and well wishes. Among those in attendance was her son, Dr. F. H. Baker of Worcester, who is medical examiner of that city.

HOPPE TO PLAY SUTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Willie Hoppe, the billiardist, has announced that he had deposited with John Kelley of this city $1000 as a forfeit or side bet for a billiard match with George Sutton. Hoppe said he would play Sutton 1500 points, 18 inch balkline, one shot in or 3000 points, 18 inch balkline, two shots in. He offered to toss a coin for the choice of the cushion on which to play the game.

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7.01	8.03	10.00	10.57
7.22	8.05	10.21	a11.34
a7.31	8.50	11.30	12.02
7.44	8.35	12.00	12.56
8.58	9.40	1.00	1.57
b9.27	10.35	2.00	3.02
9.38	10.15	3.00	3.57
10.45	11.40	b3.51	5.02
11.48	12.23	4.14	5.30
12.12	1.03	5.00	5.47
1.46	2.30	b5.21	6.23
2.41	3.32	5.36	6.26
3.57	4.40	b5.51	7.24
4.26	5.10	a6.14	7.31
5.40	6.15	7.35	8.05
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9.50	10.50	10.55	11.52
10.50	11.55	11.50	12.53
12.00	1.05	2.15	3.21
3.10	4.14	3.30	4.36
4.23	6.25	4.59	5.58
5.06	6.12	6.02	7.01
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10.10	3.15	12.00	1.00
8.50	8.03	2.15	3.23
5.45	7.03	5.33	4.40
8.50	10.02	5.23	6.36
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

8.49	7.37	9.00	10.05
7.22	8.05	10.00	10.37
8.45	8.48	11.30	12.07
9.20	10.15	1.00	1.57
10.30	11.23	3.00	4.02
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CHARLES WHITE

FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS LAST NIGHT

Charles White fell down a flight of stairs at 78 Bridge street last night about 11 o'clock and suffered a fracture of the nose and contusions of the forehead and back of head. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was taken to St. John's hospital where he received treatment.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

Commencing with a Christmas matinee, the Fenberg stock company begins a two days' engagement here at the Opera House opening with David Higgins' great story of southern life, "At Piney Ridge." Mr. Higgins, in this play, has given to the stage one of those charming and absorbing idylls of the sweet southland, the atmosphere breathing at all times the beautiful and invigorating air of pine-clad Tennessee. His characters are true examples of the years following closely after the war, when many a family became impoverished and many a house was suffering sad bereavement. The company portraying the many plays to be exploited during the engagement of Mgr. Fenberg's company this week, is one of exceptional merit. Among the members this season are Jane Tyrrell, Fern Foster, Sadie Radcliffe, Amy Shreffer, Bert Walters, Daniel Hamilton, Louis Morrison, Jean Barrymore and others of equal popularity. The specialties are very pleasing and include Charles Hammond, a young man who does wonderful things with the hoops, Miss McNeil, who will be remembered as one of the very best lady cornet soloists, Bert Walter, the comedian, Fern Foster the vivacious soubrette, Thomas Levine, a dancer of considerable ability and the popular illustrated songs.

Seats for all performances are now on sale.

"MERRY WIDOW"

It is apparent now Mr. Henry W. Savage's original production of the genuine "The Merry Widow" has displaced its imitations. A musical play, last season, was not complete unless somebody or something in it imitated somebody or something in "The Merry Widow." Now that the operetta is touring the country, these imitations and travesties quickly are vanishing. The reason of their withdrawal is evident. Like all imitations, they cannot stand comparison with the genuine article. Mr. Savage's production of "The Merry Widow" will be seen here at the Opera House for three days' commencing Tuesday, Dec. 29th with a matinee on Wednesday. The seats for the engagement go on sale at 9 a. m. next Thursday, Dec. 24.

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THE LATE MAJOR ORLANDO J. SMITH.

MAJ. O. J. SMITH

Founder of American Press Asso. Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Maj. Orlando Jay Smith, president and general manager of the American press association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry last night. Maj. Smith had been ill since September, when he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach, but throughout his illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Orlando Jay Smith, founder of the American press association and its president and general manager from its inception until his death, was a journalist of national reputation. To his training and guidance many of the men prominent in the newspaper world during the past two decades owe their position and fame.

He was born June 14, 1842, on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., of Vermont ancestry. His father, Hiram Smith, was one of Indiana's pioneers. He sent his son to the public schools and later to Asbury college, now De Pauw university. In later years the university conferred on him the degree of LL. D.

THE SHOEMAKER

Messrs. Barton and Wiswell's production of "The Shoemaker" with Lew Welch in the stellar role of Morris Goldberg will be the attraction at the Opera House soon. The piece is described as a melodrama of the better sort. There is a blending of heart interest, comedy, thrills, sensations and novelties that should appeal to any audience.

HATHAWAY'S THEATRE

The spirit of Christmas will be all-pervading at Hathaway's theatre this week. In addition to the holidays, the theatre is celebrating its third anniversary, and has not counted the cost in the effort to make the occasion notable in Lowell's history. Beautiful decorations will brighten the cosy playhouse, and the show is the season's finest. Three big feature acts are offered. To enumerate: Wilmer & Vincent will present Harrison Armstrong's one-act political episode, "A Spotless Reputation." The brilliant cast includes George K. Thompson, candidate for governor, played by Maurice Wilkinson; and Dr. Lloyd Montmorency Hedge, "The Smiling Kid," played by William Foran. The scene is laid in the office of Mr. Thompson, a corporation lawyer, and the action introduces comedy and dramatic interest, artistically intermingled and most delightfully acted.

Another act that will be received with the most eager interest in this city is contributed by the Four Prevosts, all Lowell people who have risen to the highest place in the vaudeville ranks. They will present their mammoth comedy act, "Fun in a Turkish Bath," which has scored a phenomenal hit throughout the world of vaudeville.

Searl Allen & Co. will entertain with Mr. Allen's own original farce, "A Traveling Man." The principal scene takes place in the interior of a Pullman car, and the characters are as follows:

Miss Phoebe White, a tourist, Hester Armstrong
A. Grafter, an honest news butcher boy ..... Arthur Pearce
Percy Dupont, a polite brakeman Edward Everett
I. M. Black, a colored porter George Morris
R. U. Wise, a commercial traveler Searl Allen

Like all of Mr. Allen's productions, the piece frisks along with breakneck dash and lightness, and its gayety and fun are spontaneous and compelling. Mr. Allen is capital in the role of the wise drummer, and his assistant merry makers aid him in a rollicking success. William Cahill, "The Man From Ireland," is a universal favorite for his engaging qualities as a monologist and singer. He is a song-writer of note, as well, some of his compositions including such familiar successes as "She Was a Grand Old Lady," "We Have No One to Care for Us now," "Since Father Went to Work," and many others. A fine all-round variety number is offered by Barnes and Crawford, a duo of versatile comedians, in their frolicsome skit, "The Fakir and The Soubrette." Leonard and Ward are Hebrew comedians of the first class, and their sketch, "Fader and Able," is a scream, from start to finish.

An excellent acrobat and two cleverly trained dogs comprise the Goyt trio and the combination offers a most entertaining performance. The program concludes with a series of the latest and most interesting moving pictures. Boxes of candy will be given every child who attends the matinee performances of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

As a special Christmas week attraction the management of the Academy of Music has introduced an innovation in the amusement line in the Dramagraph stock company which will appear for the first time in Lowell all this week at the Academy. The Dramagraph stock company is a unique and high priced attraction and is certainly a novelty in the line of picture entertainments. For the first three days "The Old, Old Story," will be presented and for the last three the attraction will be "The Cowboy and the Schoolmarm." Don't miss this great attraction. But while the Dramagraph company is a whole show in itself it is only the headliner on the Academy bill for the program includes three complete reels of moving pictures including six pictures on varied subjects and then there will be new illustrated songs and all for the small price of 10 cents, all seats free and children half price. A special invitation is extended to the ladies to attend the matinee performances. Every feature offered at the evening show is also given at the matinee. The hours of the performances are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10.

STAR THEATRE

A treat is in store for the patrons of the Star theatre throughout this week. The management has procured the very best moving pictures and illustrated songs to accompany the talking pictures. "The Peasant's Revenge" is the theme of the talking picture, which was presented for the first time this afternoon.

Amateurs will pace the boards on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday and Friday there will be changes in the program.

Miss "Babe" Curry, who has been singing at the Franklin Opera House in Nashua for the past week, was tendered a welcome by scores of her friends this afternoon when she introduced a new song.

THEATRE VOYONS

Today a new program will be offered at the Theatre Voyons, and every one of its many features will be the best of its kind. Straight motion pictures with no frills but just the very best to be secured, and the like applies to the illustrated songs. "The One Best Bet" is Pathe's latest dramatic offering, magnificently staged, and telling a story full of thrills and interesting from the start to the finish. "The Cocoa Industry in the West Indies" is a travel picture with a true educational value. Almost everyone is familiar with cocoa in its breakfast table state, but few know how the article is grown and prepared for market. This picture follows every step from the fields to the table. "The Installment Collector" is a comedy full of laughs and surprises, and tells a new story. The songs are good and "It Looks Like a Big Night Tonight" will please everyone.

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DEATHS

JOYCE—Dr. Frederick Lawrence Joyce, an interne at St. John's hospital, in 1903 and 1904, died recently in Monrovia, Cal., where he had gone to recuperate in health. His death was due to tuberculosis.

Dr. Joyce was especially well liked while here and his death will be a severe blow to the many friends he had in this city. His age was about 30 years. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Maud Lewis Joyce, whom he married but little over a month ago. Dr. Joyce's home was in San Francisco and his marriage took place there on October 8, last. His wife was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frederic B. A. Lewis, of San Francisco.

Dr. Joyce came to this city immediately after graduating from the Harvard medical school, in 1903.

WORDEN—Benjamin F. Worden died Saturday at his home in Tyngsboro. He leaves one brother, George Worden of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. A. R. Choate of Graniteville, Mrs. N. D. Shipley, Mrs. Eliza Hall and Miss Mary C. Worden, all of Tyngsboro.

O'KEEFE—Mrs. Catherine O'Keefe died last evening at St. John's hospital. The body was removed to the residence, 270 Adams street, by C. H. Molloy & Sons. Mrs. O'Keefe leaves, besides her husband, John, two sons, James and Thomas, and four daughters, the Misses Theresa, Ellen, Mary and Ethel; three sisters, Mrs. Bridget Danaly, Mrs. Daniel Coughlin and Miss Johanna Crowley, and one brother, John Crowley of this city.

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GREAT SCANDAL

LISBON, Dec. 21.—The newly elected municipal council has unearthed a big scandal in the city's acts. Over $7,000,000 has disappeared. The former monarchical councillors admit the irregularities but lay the blame upon the government which they say illegally took the city's money.

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6 uprights and 4 square pianos, 3 of the uprights are practically new and standard makes. If you want to make a Christmas present of a piano, this is your opportunity, as they must go for the high dollar. Call and examine them to your own satisfaction before the sale. Special at 3 o'clock. 28 Fur Robes; 1 Single Sleigh.

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